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As Haig meditates U.S. merchant ships told to shun Falklands

WASHINGTON, April 9 (Agencies) — The United States Friday sent out special warning to U.S. merchant ships to avoid an area within 200 nautical miles of the Falkland Islands, which Britain has declared a war zone in its dispute with Argentina.

The Pentagon announced that a "notice to mariners" had been issued saying that U.S. merchant ships "are advised not to sail within 200 nautical miles of the Falkland Islands until further notice."

Britain has said it will "shoot first" and sink any Argentine ship, whether military or commercial, found in the war zone starting Monday.

The U.S. message said, "This notice is solely for the purpose of advising U.S. mariners of information relevant to navigational safety and in no way constitutes a U.S. government position regarding foreign claims or proclamations."

All U.S. merchant ships that may now be within the danger zone were asked to acknowledge receipt of the message.

Meanwhile, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig flew to Buenos Aires from London Friday seeking the Argentine response to Britain's insistence that it must evacuate the Falklands or risk a battle for the islands.

As he embarked on the second stage of his mission to find a peaceful solution to the crisis over Argentina's seizure of the islands, Britain continued preparations to match its words with deeds. Haig had six hours of talks with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Francis Pym Thursday night and said later he was impressed by their determination.

British sources said they had insisted to the secretary of state that the Argentine forces which landed on the British colony a week ago must withdraw as a preliminary to any negotiations. As the late-night talks ended, a cargo ship loaded with tanks and military equipment left a British port to follow the fleet of 27 warships already heading for the South Atlantic.

In the south coast port of Southampton, work continued on preparing the cruise liner *Canberra*, requisitioned for use as a troop carrier and hospital ship, for sailing Friday night. The *Canberra*, fitted with helicopter pads and stripped of many of its luxury trimmings, was expected to carry up to 2,000 troops for transfer to navy ships in mid-Atlantic.

Britain has declared the waters surround-



ARGENTINIAN TROOPS: A group picture of an Argentinean squad on patrol in the Falkland Islands. Patrols have been relatively quiet, while the islanders await the arrival of British troops.

Analysts say Syria move favors Iran

BAGHDAD, April 9 (AFP) — Syria's closure of its border with Iraq Thursday could be linked to Damascus' desire to lend concrete support to Iran in its war with Iraq, analysts said Friday.

The official reason Syria gave for the border closure was that Iraq was sending weapons and other supplies to the Muslim Brotherhood, an outlawed group that has been held responsible for the February uprising in Hama, northern Syria.

But that reason appeared weak to the analysts here, since Syria has long accused Iraq — which is ruled by a rival faction of the same

U.S. urged to review stand Nonaligned group condemns Israel

KUWAIT, April 9 (Agencies) — The nonaligned foreign ministers' conference on Palestine ended Thursday night with a strong condemnation of Israel and a call to the United States to review its Middle East policies.

Ministers or representatives from about 70 countries expressed the hope that the U.S. government would "review its policy and attitude in a positive and constructive way."

The conference deplored what it called the hostile attitude of the U.S. government toward the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), a full member of the nonaligned movement, and condemned the United States for "misuse" of its veto right at the United Nations Security Council.

The United States vetoed two recent resolutions calling on Israel to rescind its annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights and its dismissal of Palestinian mayors in three towns of the occupied West Bank. The three-day conference of the Nonaligned Coordination Bureau called on all states and organizations to isolate Israel completely and to help end its occupation of Palestinian and Arab territories.

But in a concession to Egypt, the conference refrained from condemning the Egypt-Israel peace treaty, which earlier nonaligned resolutions had denounced as a violation of the rights of the Palestinian people. Because of the 1979 treaty, under which Egypt will be handed back by April 26 the last part of Sinai occupied in the 1967 Middle East war, Egypt was suspended from the Arab League but not from the nonaligned movement.

The Kuwait conference was the first major conference in an Arab country to be attended by Egypt since it made peace with Israel. Egypt, however, expressed reservations on parts of the final communiqué, including a reference to the U.S.-sponsored Camp David Accords between Egypt and Israel. Egyptian delegates said. The conference expressed grave concern over the persistent efforts, actions, measures, and on-going parleys to

Khaled gets S. Yemen's message

JEDDAH, April 9 — A message for King Khaled from South Yemen President Ali Nasser Muhammad was delivered here Thursday. It was carried by Deputy Foreign Minister Muhammad Ghaleb Ahmad and delivered to Deputy Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Thunayan at the Foreign Office.

At the same time the South Yemeni Foreign Minister Salem Saleh Muhammad announced that Interior Minister Prince Naif will be visiting South Yemen for talks. He told *Al Madinah* newspaper Friday that Prince Naif's visit will improve bilateral relations and help solve problems.

Muhammad denied that there was any tension between North and South Yemen and revealed that the leaders of the two countries will meet in a few days to implement the agreements that they had signed during earlier meetings.

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EEC halts arms sales to Argentina

BRUSSELS, April 9 (AFP) — The 10 members of the European Economic Community (EEC) Friday agreed to halt arms sales to Argentina, it was learnt here following a meeting on political action held at the level of senior officials.

The meeting, at the suggestion of the Belgian president of the council of ministers Leo Tindemans, was aimed at defining a joint political position over the dispute between Britain and Argentina following Argentina's invasion of the Falkland Islands Friday.

Four EEC countries — West Germany, France, the Netherlands and Belgium — had already announced that they were banning arms sales to Argentina. Diplomatic sources said that the ten reaffirmed their "condemnation" of Argentina's military intervention, and their support for the United Nations Security Council resolution urging the withdrawal of Argentine troops and a negotiated settlement.

The meeting also decided to draw up political and trade measures to put pressure on Argentina, the sources said.

Khamenei rules out peace

BEIRUT, April 9 (AP) — Three weeks after a successful offensive against Iraqi forces on the battlefield, Iran's president again reiterated there would be no peace with Iraq, state-run Tehran radio reported.

"We did not wish to fight, and right now we would prefer peace to war, but as an Islamic nation there is no way we can accept aggression," President Ali Khamenei was quoted by the radio as saying. The broadcast, monitored here, said the president addressed Thursday night a four-man delegation from the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) which is in Tehran for talks with Iranian officials in a fresh effort to bring the 18-month-old war with Iraq to a negotiated end.

"Even if we are attacked from all sides, we will not bend our heads in the face of the aggressor," the president was quoted as saying. "We want to be like a firm rock, caught and crushed in the pincers of the world powers. We will withstand until we bend the edges of the aggressor," the radio quoted Khamenei as saying.

Baghdad seeks arms from Cairo

CAIRO, Egypt, April 9 (AP) — An Iraqi delegation led by a senior official visited Cairo last month seeking increased military aid to offset recent Iranian gains in the Gulf war, well-informed Egyptian and Western diplomatic sources said Thursday. It was the first reported visit of a top level Iraqi delegation to Egypt since Iran mounted a successful counteroffensive against Iraq March 21. It also was yet another sign that Egypt's isolation in the Arab world is fading. Three years ago, Iraq led 17 Arab nations in vowing to

U.S. warns against Grenada

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, April 9 (R) — President Reagan has told Caribbean leaders that the island state of Grenada now bears a Soviet and Cuban trademark, which means that it will attempt to spread the virus among its neighbors. A senior U.S. official said Reagan also told them Grenada was not automatically excluded from his development program but would have to demonstrate changes in behavior and policy in order to receive its benefits.

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ISF permanent council to convene on April 18

JEDDAH, April 9 (SPA) — The Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund will hold its 20th session on April 18, under Dr. Izzuddin Ibrahim, council's chairman.

It will be attended by Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference; Sheikh Ahmad Al-Mubarak, head of the Islamic desk at the Foreign Office and deputy chairman of the fund's council.

During the four-day session, the council will discuss ISF's budget for 1982-83; the Islamic Call (D'awah) project; study circles; and the welfare of Muslim youth. It will also study reports and recommendations of the sub-committees which were entrusted with the task of examining the requests for aids

from some Islamic states, universities and higher institutes.

Other subjects slated for discussion include floods in South Yemen, refugees in Sudan, Afghan refugees in Pakistan and Chad refugees in Cameroon. It will further study reports on the Islamic youth camps in Canada and Australia and the subject of a study circle on childhood in Islam being held in Abu Dhabi.

The deliberations will be attended by delegates from the member states in the permanent council, which are Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Libya, Iraq, Sudan, Mauritania, Tunisia, the Comoro Islands, Djibouti, Turkey, Malaysia and Pakistan.

Postal graduates to obtain diploma

DAMMAM, April 9 (SPA) — A group of 29 out of 70 students of the Secondary Postal Institute of the Eastern Province will receive their graduation certificate at the end of the current academic year.

Ali Abdullah Al-Fayez, director of the institute, stated Thursday that the institute's graduate obtains a certificate that is equivalent of the secondary school certificate, and is appointed in the fifth grade in the country's postal service.

Fayez said that an affiliate to the institute receives a monthly stipend of SR675 throughout the three-year study period. In addition, he is provided lodging and conveyance.

The institute, which functions under the Directorate General of Posts of the Eastern Province, has set mid-August as the time for receiving applications from interested candidates possessing the intermediate school certificate.

Ahmad to meet varsity students

JEDDAH, April 9 — Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad will meet with the students of Ummul Qura University in Makkah in an open dialogue in which he will answer all the questions that they might wish to ask.

According to *Al-Jazirah* newspaper Friday, Prince Ahmad had accepted an invitation by the university to engage in the dialogue with the students about matters of national interest and not just those confined to the university and education in the country.

University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Rashed Al-Rajeh said that the dialogue is within the context of a series of such meetings between officials and the university body which aim at fostering strong relations between those in authority and the people.

Book show nets SR10m

RIYADH, April 9 (SPA) — The 10-day Islamic book exhibition netted a sale of SR10 million worth of books bought by visitors numbering 200,000 men and nearly 1,000 women, it was announced here Friday.

The exhibition, organized by the Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University, ended last Wednesday.

Petromin helps in industrialization process

RIYADH, April 9 (SPA) — The General Petroleum and Mineral Organization (Petromin) has contributed significantly to the industrialization of Saudi Arabia by setting up 24 large petrochemical and mineral projects and organizing on modern lines refining, marketing and distribution of the Kingdom's oil and oil products.

Petromin's two decades of service to the national economy, since its foundation on April 25, 1962 shows a remarkable progress of the organization to diversify economy which mainly depends on oil.

It has also established a large number of energy-related businesses including drilling and shipping companies. Besides the oil sector, Petromin activities also cover natural gas and mining industries and prospecting for gold, silver, copper, lead, zinc, tin, iron ore, uranium, tungsten, molybdenum, gypsum, phosphates, bauxite, tantalum, niobium, zircon and other rare earth elements.

Petromin, which started its operation with a staff of only 27 persons including some university graduates has shown a steady progress surpassing every obstacle in the path and playing a leading role in the country's development. Petromin's 74 percent of the working force today comprises Saudi nationals.

It plays a major role in pinpointing and

determining the nature of oil industries in the country and is responsible for marketing the Kingdom's oil and oil by-products. Till last June, Petromin concluded 12 contracts with West European states, two with Latin American states, nine with Asian countries in addition to a number of African states. Petromin took over the responsibility of conducting detailed geological investigations in 1964 and contracted a number of foreign mining experts and technicians to prepare geological maps and locate prospective areas — rich in minerals. The preparations of maps and special studies have helped a great deal in locating the mineral resources of the country.

Exploration for the Mahd Al-Dhahab gold deposits, popularly known as "Cradle of Gold", and the initial drilling program have been completed. Metallurgical testing has shown that 95 percent of gold and 93 percent of silver can be recovered by a process of roth flotation, followed by cyanidation. A feasibility study has been completed which suggests that a mine should be developed, producing 3.5 tons of bullion per year.

Petromin signed a contract with a Swedish firm in 1978 for conducting feasibility studies for silver deposits at Nokrasufra area, 250 km northeast of Madinah. It has also signed an agreement with two American and French companies for the exploitation of copper ore

at Jubel Sayed, 320 km northeast of Jeddah. Feasibility studies have shown the presence of eight million tons of copper ore, besides small amounts of lead, zinc, gold and silver. Petromin also signed a contract with the Shell company for exploring zinc at Umm Ul-Shalheep area, 200 km southwest of Riyadh.

The Khnaygyyat Al-Amar region has been found as the most promising area for zinc and copper. At Bayd Al-Jimalah, 180 km southwest of Burydah, tungsten mineralization has been discovered. Phosphatic sediments have been found in the Sirhan Turaif basin, while an extensive layer of placolateritic bauxite has been discovered at Al-Zabirah, 450 km northwest of Riyadh.

Another feasibility study carried out by the British Steel Corporation has indicated that about 300 million tons of 42 percent iron ore can be mined in Wadi Sawawin. The General Directorate of Mineral Resources proposes to mine 25,000 tons of ore and to beneficiate this to a 65 percent concentrate in a large plant to be built on the Red Sea coast near Sawawin. Field studies have identified favorable geologic environments for the exploration of uranium at some areas in northwest Hijaz—Madyan region. At Wadi Qatan, a recent evaluation indicates that a nickel-iron pellet could be produced from the oick-eliforous massive sulfides.

Prayer Times						
	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Saturday						
Fajr (Dawn)	4:41	4:40	4:11	3:57	4:21	4:49
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:22	12:23	11:54	11:41	12:05	12:35
Asr (Afternoon)	3:47	3:52	3:23	3:12	3:36	4:08
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:39	6:42	6:14	6:02	6:26	6:57
Isha (Night)	8:09	8:12	7:44	7:32	7:56	8:27

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Majed visits Rabegh

RABEGH, April 9 (SPA) — Governor of Makkah Prince Majed arrived here Thursday for a visit to the town, accompanied by Sheikh Nasser Al-Assaf, head of the civil aviation and several governorate officials.

The governor was welcomed at a reception by Sheikh Muhammad Barakah, governor of Rabegh, a number of local officials and a large number of citizens.

Medical team due here

TOKYO, April 9 (AP) — A 15-member government medical delegation leaves for a 10-day visit to Saudi Arabia Saturday to study plans for a cancer hospital in the Saudi capital, officials said Friday.

The delegation, headed by former health and welfare minister Ryutaro Hapawoto, also includes Keiichi Suemasu, vice president of the National Cancer Center and experts on construction, a Foreign Ministry official said.

The official added that the planned cancer hospital will be Saudi Arabia's first government-built cancer center. Saudi Arabia has asked the Japanese government for assistance in designing the hospital and the training of Saudi doctors, the official said.

Barakah said he and the inhabitants of the town were very happy with Prince Majed's visit which reflects the government's concern for all parts of the Kingdom. He added that the visit will provide a good opportunity for a meeting between the governor and the citizens, in order to get to know their conditions and the progress of development projects as well as the region's needs in different fields.

In a statement on the occasion, Prince Majed said he was pleased to visit the town, as it gave him an opportunity to meet with the people of the area. He added that his visit to the town and some other areas takes place under the directives of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd who, he said, are always anxious to know the people's conditions and their problems.

The governor said the region will witness big events, as a desalination project will be commissioned soon to cover the drinking water needs of the region. Further development will be seen in the region after the completion of the Rabegh refinery and several other projects, he added. The governor hoped that the inhabitants of the town would double their efforts to give it a still better appearance.

Dammam begins cleanliness week

DAMMAM, April 9 (SPA) — The Municipality of Dammam organizes its second cleanliness week Saturday under Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi, governor of the Eastern Province.

During the week, several sign boards and posters will be distributed to educate the people on cleanliness. Besides, daily campaigns will be launched on streets, in localities and public squares. The city has been divided into several working zones and a complete team has been reserved to deal with stray animals.

The municipality will be assisted in the campaign by the King Faisal University; the University of Petroleum and Minerals; Youth Welfare; Railroad Organization; Department of Water and Sewage; King Abdul Aziz Port; Frontier Corps; Traffic Department; Police; Saudi Telephone; Directorate of Municipal and Rural Affairs; Industrial Institute and the Vocational Training Center.

The week is being organized to spread health consciousness among the public and to urge them to observe cleanliness in their interest and in that of the city.

Makkah to be seat for Islamic body

JEDDAH, April 9 — The executive committee of the World Islamic Organization for publication, distribution and production holds its second meeting here Saturday under Mohsen Ahmad Baroom, a Tihama press release said Friday.

The committee will discuss steps to be taken to begin the organization's work in the light of the recommendations of the constituent body which recently held a meeting in this connection. It will study the selection of a company specialized in marketing, in order to study the economic feasibility of the project. The participants will also consider establishing contacts with the founding members to send the initial subscription to the company's capital which is expected to reach SR100 million.

Makkah, being the hub of the Islamic world, has been selected for the organization's headquarters. The organization will aim to spread and propagate useful intellectual works serving the causes of Islam and Muslims. It will strive to publish Islamic magazines and books and use visual media to realize its objectives. Among its other concerns will be to publish good works to fill the gap in Islamic libraries through research works, translations, tapes, documents, television series and manuscripts.

In addition, the organization will compile

the production of publishing houses in the Islamic world and publish it in a periodic bulletin to acquaint the Islamic media with its activities. Mobile exhibitions are also included in its plans.

The meeting, which will be held at Tihama's conference hall, will be attended by Sheikh Muhammad Saeed Tayyih, deputy chairman of the committee; Osama Ahmad Al-Sabaie, committee's secretary and other members, comprising Dr. Salem Ahmad Malibari, Azouz ibn Muhammad Al-Rubaie, Muhammad Al-Muallim, Ridwan Ibrahim D'aboul and Ahmad Rafeh Armoush. Sheikh Ahmad Salah Jamjoum, chairman of the constituent body, has also been invited, the press release said.

Technical panel to study report

RIYADH, April 9 (SPA) — A technical committee, formed to study the development of the National Science and Technology Center into a scientific township, holds meeting here Saturday, to discuss a report. The center has prepared on its present status and future plans.

The committee, which was formed by Council of Ministers' resolution, comprises the ministers of higher education; petroleum and mineral resources; finance and national economy; planning; and industry and electricity. Dr. Reda Ohaid, the center's chairman, will also participate in the meeting.

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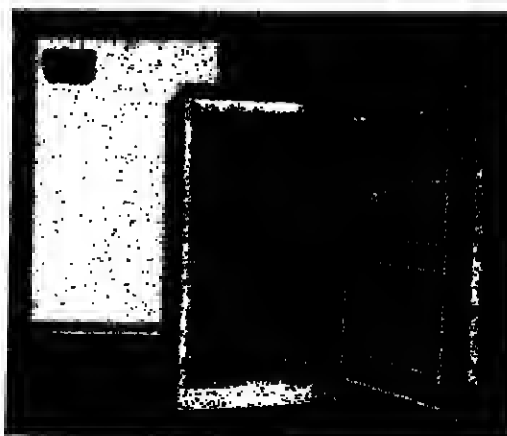
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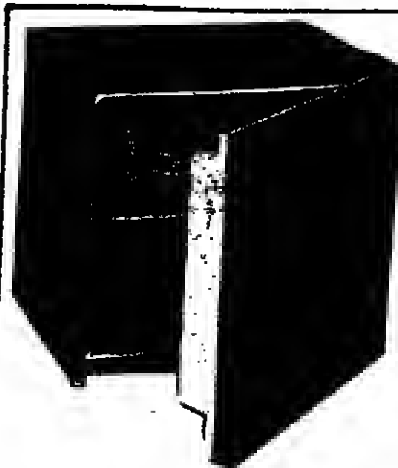
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After Sinai withdrawal**U.S. plans new effort for autonomy agreement**

CAIRO, April 9 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig was quoted Thursday as saying America plans a major effort to conclude an agreement on self-rule for Palestinians in Israeli-occupied lands after Israel withdraws from Egypt's Sinai peninsula April 25.

In an interview in Washington with Ibrahim Nafie, editor-in-chief of the authoritative daily *Al-Ahram*, Haig also was quoted as saying it was in the best interest of all states in the Middle East to quickly end the Iran-Iraq war.

The Associated Press obtained from *Al-Ahram* the State Department's English-language text of the lengthy interview, in which Nafie pressed Haig on the extent of the administration's commitment to continuing the Camp David peace process.

Haig stressed that Washington is a full partner in the Camp David plan between Egypt and Israel and added: "I think we have to make a major effort after the Sinai is returned, and we have continued in our efforts, and will continue to see whether or not there is ground for bringing them to a successful conclusion."

He also was quoted as saying the differences between Egypt and Israel on the self-rule concept were "very great," but that Pres-

ident Hosni Mubarak and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin were committed to resuming the talks.

Haig appeared to tacitly criticize the Egyptian view that the principles of self-rule that Egypt and Israel agree upon should be acceptable to the Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza strip.

Egypt believes the self-rule plan should leave open the Palestinians' option to create a state in the West Bank and Gaza, but Israel adamantly rejects this idea. Haig appeared to say that Camp David was not concerned with this issue. "I have made the point that Camp David itself involved a postponement of certain questions of principle on which the parties to Camp David had a differing view," he was quoted as saying.

"If we now attempt to insist on the resolution of these differences in principle in the autonomy arrangements — which are interim and which visualize a transition period — then, I think the task will be very, very difficult. After all, Camp David itself intentionally avoided some of those obstacles."

Under Camp David, the final status of the occupied lands would be decided after self-rule was agreed upon and with the participation of the Palestinians and other states in the area.

U.N. special envoy to visit Kabul

GENEVA, April 9 (R) — A United Nations special envoy leaves here for Afghanistan Saturday hoping to improve chances of negotiating a settlement of the two-year-old armed conflict there and the enormous refugee problem it has caused.

Diego Cordoves, of Ecuador, an under secretary-general for special political affairs, will also visit neighboring Pakistan and Iran during his 12-day mission. Before his departure, Cordoves will be briefed by U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who is visiting the U.N.'s European headquarters, U.N. officials say.

The U.N. chief himself made two similar trips to the area in the past year and also had talks in Moscow before taking up his present post. Cordoves will follow up these contacts.

He will first spend two or three days in Pakistan — where an estimated 2.5 million refugees have fled from the fighting between Soviet-backed Afghan forces and Afghan freedom fighters since the Soviet intervention of December 1979.

After talks in Kabul, Cordoves will go on to Iran, where a further million refugees are said to be living.

Greece denies harassing Turks

ATHENS, April 9 (AP) — The government Thursday denied Turkish accusations that ethnic Turks in northern Greece were being harassed by Greek authorities.

"The Muslim minority in the region is protected both by international treaties and Greek law," a government spokesman said. The spokesman said: "The property issue in question is still pending before Greek justice."

The Turkish Foreign Ministry Wednesday delivered a request to Greek ambassador in Ankara, George Papoulas, that property rights of ethnic Turks should be respected.

More than 70 Muslim families in the village of Evlalon in western Thrace were served eviction notices last week following a government decision to build a new housing development on 2,300 stremmata (about 650 acres) where they have farmed for over a century.

The farmers claim their titles to the farmland were recognized under Greek law 30 years ago, but the finance ministry says they are only squatters. About 100 villagers from Evlalon have been camping for one week in the northern Greek town of Xanthi to protest the eviction.

Turkish diplomat in Ottawa shot by Armenians

BEIRUT, April 9 (AP) — An underground Armenian guerrilla group Friday claimed responsibility for an assassination attempt on a Turkish diplomat in Ottawa.

In a telephone call to the Associated Press in Beirut, the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia claimed responsibility for the shooting of Kani Gunogor, a commercial officer at the Turkish Embassy in the Canadian capital. The terse communique gave no details and did not elaborate on why Gunogor was a target.

The Turkish diplomat was shot and critically wounded by gunmen who attacked him in the garage of his apartment house. He was apparently going to work. Gunogor was reported to be in a critical condition.

BRIEFS

KUALA LUMPUR, (R) — Iran has appointed its first ambassador to Malaysia and will open an embassy here soon, Malaysia's Foreign Ministry said Friday. It named the envoy as Muhammad Sadeq Ayatollah. Malaysia already has a resident envoy in Tehran and Iran said it wanted to set up an embassy here.

ADDIS ABABA, (AFP) — Ethiopian authorities Thursday night announced the names of 11 men elected to a national workers control committee that is to act as the highest organ in the government's fight to contain corruption. The elections were a culmination of several weeks of work by a national selection committee involving the screening of hundreds of potential nominees.

ALGIERS, (AFP) — A Chinese parliamentary delegation led by Communist Party Politburo member and assistant speaker Peng Chong arrived here Friday on a five-day official visit. Peng's visit comes prior to a trip to Peking by Algerian President Chadli Benjedid scheduled for the end of this month.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Syria will expand its agricultural production with a \$22 million World Bank loan, the World Bank announced Thursday. The World Bank said the loan will be used for the development of about 30,000 hectares of cultivable land in the southern provinces of Deraa and Sweida.

ISLAMABAD, (AFP) — President Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq has appointed M.P. Bhandara as advisor on minorities affairs, it was announced here Friday. Bhandara will hold the rank of minister of state in President Zia's cabinet. As presidential advisor, he replaces Raja Tridev Roy who has been appointed Pakistan's ambassador to Brazil.

DACCA, (AFP) — Bangladesh's new military ruler, Lt. Gen Hussain Muhammad Ershad, has said that his government is seeking to give the country a democratic system that would put power back into the hands of the people within two years.

S. Yemen seeks flood relief

DAMASCUS, April 9 (AFP) — South Yemeni Deputy Premier Ali Antar has made a worldwide appeal here for aid following the March floods estimated to have caused nearly \$1 billion in damage in South Yemen, killing some 500 persons and leaving 10,000 homeless.

In a press conference here after a 24-hour visit to Syria, Ali Antar urged "Arab and friendly nations" as well as "humanitarian forces throughout the world" to help South Yemen overcome the effects of the "catastrophe." The floodwaters, he said, had destroyed entire villages in four governorships as well as part of the capital, Aden.

The Syrian news agency Sana reported that the South Yemeni deputy premier had met with Syrian President Hafez Assad and had given him a personal message on the flood disaster from South Yemeni President Ali

Nasser Muhammad. South Yemen has also sent ooties to Libyan President Muammar Qaddafi, Algerian President Chadli Benjedid and Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat.

The disaster was made public last Sunday when Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev sent a message of sympathy to his South Yemeni counterpart.

Arafat to visit India

NEW DELHI, April 9 (AFP) — Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat is to visit India in the first week of next month, UNI news agency reported Friday quoting a senior Indian official.

The agency said Arafat had accepted an invitation from Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to visit India in May, but the exact date was yet to be fixed.

Curfew imposed near Bethlehem

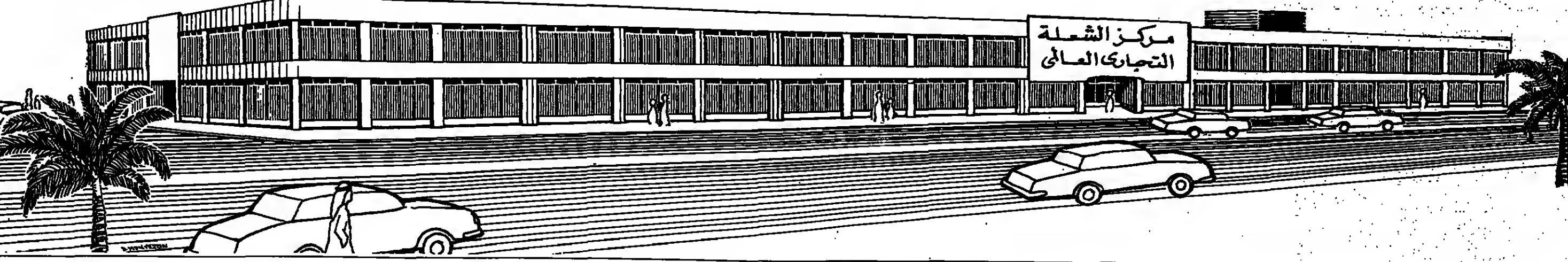
TEL AVIV, April 9 (R) — A gasoline bomb was thrown at an Israeli army patrol in the center of Bethlehem in the occupied Arab West Bank Friday but there were no casualties, Israeli military sources said.

The immediate neighborhood was placed under curfew and a search of the area was made but there were no arrests. Bethlehem was the scene of a clash Thursday between unidentified armed men and a student leader and a guard at the local university. A few hundred students staged a protest sit-in strike but dispersed quietly in the evening.

In the nearby town of Beit Sahour, other armed persons broke into a club where they fired shots into the air and smashed some furniture.



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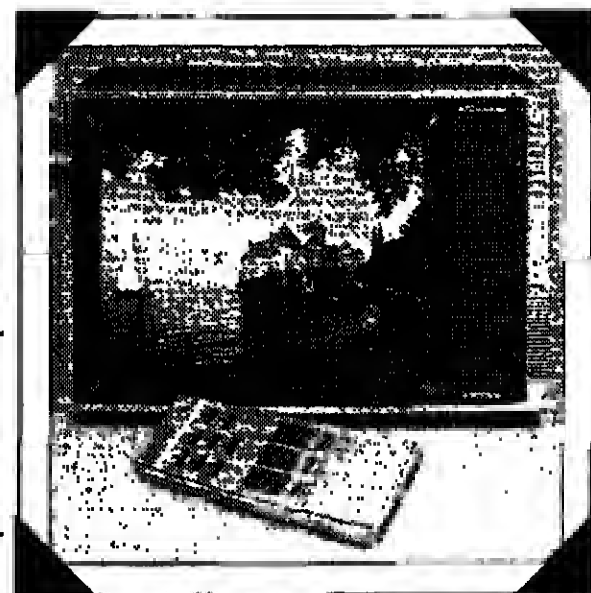
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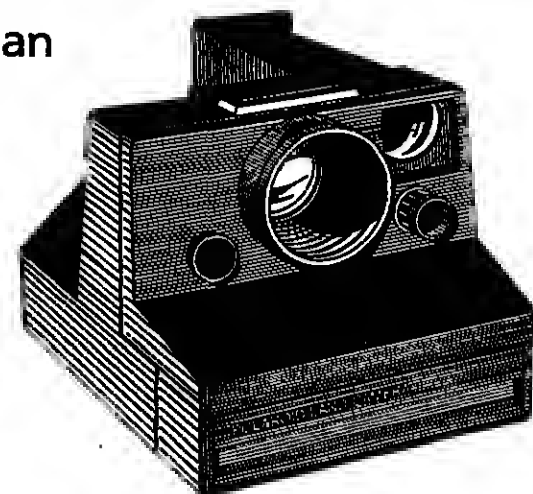
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ROOM FOR TALK

It could be noted, firstly, that an Egyptian delegate sat side by side with other Arab delegates, from those Arab countries which have severed their diplomatic relations with Egypt following its peace treaty with Israel.

It could be noted, secondly, that the Egyptian delegate to that meeting — of the Coordination Committee of the Nonaligned Movement — is none other than Ismat Abdul Majid, who is at the same time Egypt's representative at the U.N.

It could be noted, thirdly, that that same Abdul Majid gives both the Palestinians and Israelis equal rights to a homeland on Palestinian land.

But here the conclusion to be drawn is not exactly the expected one. For if this puts a question mark on Egypt's stand over the issue, it does not imply that Egypt has automatically gone to the other side. For Egyptian and Israeli views of what a "homeland" means differ drastically. Egypt recognizes the Palestinian right to a Palestinian state on Palestinian soil, specifically in Gaza and the West Bank, a view which is anathema to the Israelis.

There is thus still room for talk between Egypt and the rest of the Arab world. And it is certainly less strange for the Arab countries to talk to Egypt than for Egypt to talk to Israel over the fate of the Palestinians. It is true that the Palestine Liberation Organization representative rejected the Egyptian view. But it is also true that its rejection by the Israelis will be at least as vehement.

Saudi Arabian press review

The deep-rooted fraternal relations linking Saudi Arabia with North Yemen were the main topic for editorial comment in Friday's newspapers.

Hailing these relations, *Al-Jazirah* said, "Based on common faith, common language and common destiny, these ties have brought full cooperation between the two countries in all fields and have enabled them to establish full coordination to achieve their common goals and face dangers and challenges threatening their sovereignty, stability and welfare."

The paper described the creation of the Saudi Arabian-Yemeni Coordination Council as a practical step reflecting the determination of the two countries' leaders to further strengthen bilateral relations and create a joint Arab front that can confront the dangers and challenges facing the Arab nation.

"The high-ranking representation of the council's members represents the two leaderships' concern to further enhance their political, economic, trade and military cooperation to realize their common goals," the paper added.

On the same subject, *Al-Madinah* hailed the constructive outcome achieved by the council's meeting in Sanaa and stressed that the Yemeni prime minister was not exaggerating when he described the creation of the council as a landmark reflecting the strong and fraternal relations between Saudi Arabia and North Yemen.

"Sanaa's meeting has realized its desired goals, thanks to the sincere and persistent efforts of the two countries to achieve the best degree of cooperation and joint action," the paper said. (SPA)



Falklands crisis: Time running out for peaceful solution

By Sidnes Weiland

LONDON — Provided U.S. mediation can work quickly, Britain and Argentina still have a range of political options that could avert war over the Falkland Islands. But with a British sea blockade due to be enforced next Monday and a naval task force heading toward the South Atlantic, the chances of a peaceful solution lessen each day.

Although both countries say they are ready to fight, they have also given unmistakable signals that negotiations are still possible on a face-saving formula to avoid conflict. British officials say "all options" remain open on the future of the Falklands, seized by Argentina last week, provided Argentine forces withdraw from the islands.

Argentina has hinted at the possibility of a political compromise if its 150-year claim to sovereignty is recognized.

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, on a "good offices" mission that will also take him to Buenos Aires, arrived in London Thursday to see if contacts can be opened up in time to halt threatened hostilities.

The search for a peaceful settlement moved into high gear as Britain imposed a blockade around the Falklands and warned that Argentine ships in a 200-mile war zone risked being sunk from Monday

onward by the British Navy.

Argentina has created its own 200-mile operations area, heightening the danger of a clash as early as next week if Buenos Aires tries to run the British cordon. British submarines are believed to be already in the South Atlantic, and will be joined in about two weeks by 15 major warships and 12 supply vessels in the biggest show of naval force mounted by Britain since World War II.

Military experts said prospects for a political solution would be seriously jeopardized or wrecked if shooting started.

The Reagan administration is regarded as the only possible honest broker capable of promoting a naval freeze and getting Britain and Argentina back to the negotiating table. London diplomats said Haig's chances, originally rated poor, appeared to have improved after a parliamentary debate Wednesday when the British government voiced continued interest in a peaceful outcome, and similar hints from Argentina.

"We would much prefer a peaceful settlement," British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym told the House of Commons.

In what was seen in London as a kite-flying exercise, Argentine press reports suggested the country's military junta might be willing to barter a military withdrawal for Britain's nominal acceptance of Argentine sovereignty. In the last two days,

Argentine officials have also hinted at a possible negotiated way out.

British officials while insisting Argentina must first leave the islands, said they were ruling nothing out. They said a deal over sovereignty or other variants involving future administration could be considered but only after Argentine troops returned to the mainland.

Increasingly, British ministers have talked of a "return to British administration" for the 1,800 Falkland Islanders rather than a restoration of British sovereignty. Government spokesmen sought to minimize the significance of the stress on British administration, saying Britain's legal sovereignty was still intact despite the Argentine takeover.

Committed to a policy of decolonization, Britain has long weighed a transfer of sovereignty to Argentina, but has held back because of opposition from the Falkland Islanders. The British governor of the sprawling, 200-island chain and his handful of colonial administrators were summarily ejected when Argentine troops stormed ashore in a dawn raid last week.

Despite vocal demands for a return to British control, many British officials concede it would be impossible to restore British ownership of the Falklands as it existed before last week without heavy loss of life. Instead, Britons are focusing on a

variety of permutations, all aired previously but rejected by the Falklanders in 15 years of Anglo-Argentine negotiations. They include:

- (1) A simple acceptance of Argentine sovereignty that would leave British administrators in day-to-day charge.
- (2) A lease-back arrangement under which Britain would cede sovereignty to Argentina and then rent the islands back for 25 years, known as the "Hong Kong solution" because Britain has a similar arrangement with China in its Asian colony.
- (3) An autonomy arrangement underwritten by the United Nations.
- (4) A condominium in which Britain and Argentina would share control.
- (5) Argentine control with dual nationality and other privileges for the islanders.
- (6) Neutral arbitration.

No commitments have been made, but British sources say all the options or combinations could be negotiable.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has insisted that the wishes of the Falklanders "must be paramount." Many British observers argue that with Argentine troops in the islands and with the future highly uncertain, the islanders may now be willing to consider a compromise that would retain at least some semblance of British authority.

Observers also believe the Argentine junta, faced with the risk of prolonged conflict and economic sanctions, may prefer to strike a deal if they can gain nominal sovereignty.

Britain's key allies in Western Europe have banned arms sales to Argentina and are considering a broader trade boycott. Britain has also asked other countries to discourage loans to Argentina in an effort to tighten pressure on the junta. Argentina already owes \$34 billion in foreign debts. (R)

America walking on a tightrope

By R. Gregory Nokes

WASHINGTON —

As the crisis over the Falkland Islands deepens, the United States is encountering growing difficulty, and embarrassment, in its attempt not to take sides between Britain and Argentina. The difficulty lends an acute sense of urgency to Secretary of State Alexander Haig's peace-seeking mission to Buenos Aires and London, as the administration considers good relations with both countries vital to its foreign policy.

The British government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has been the administration's most vocal supporter among the U.S. allies for its economic and defense policies. But the Argentine government of President Leopoldo Galtieri is a key player in the administration's attempt to counter leftist insurgencies in Central America. When questioned, U.S. officials have not denied reports that Argentina is providing troops for a 500-member paramilitary force financed by the United States.

The fall of either government would be a setback to U.S. foreign policy, which is the chief reason the administration has not wanted to take sides, even

though the United States condemned Argentina's use of force and voted in the United Nations for it to withdraw.

"Argentina is helping to resolve Central American problems," said a Defense Department official. "The Argentines are playing a very major role in the hemisphere. For that reason, we want to offer our assistance to all sides. We don't want to appear in this hemisphere to be siding against a major hemisphere power." The official requested anonymity.

But British officials, clearly feeling they have a claim on U.S. support, are contributing to the administration's embarrassment through their public denunciations of the Argentine government as an irrational regime that has killed thousands of its own people.

The attempt to walk a fine line in the dispute is already breaking down, as reflected in a call made by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger to Britain's U.S. ambassador, Sir Nicholas Henderson, on Tuesday. Depending on whose version of the call is believed, Weinberger either clarified, or denied, a Pentagon statement that the United States was "walking right down the middle" in the dispute. "We're not going to give anybody any help either

way," said the Pentagon's chief spokesman, Henry Catto.

Henderson told the Associated Press that Weinberger "told me that he had issued a denial of what had allegedly been said. I'm in no doubt about it that the Americans are not neutral on these two questions, namely the use of force and the disregard of self-determination" by the Argentines.

But the Pentagon official said, "The word denial is a little strong. The word clarification is a better word than denial."

Henderson also told the AP that Britain doesn't wish to complicate U.S. relations with Argentina. But, he added, "the important thing is for America to demonstrate to Argentina that it cannot accept a form of aggressive behavior in international affairs, and that while they may like more normal relations with the Argentines, it cannot compromise on that particular subject."

Reflecting the administration's desire for improved relations with Argentina was the presence of high U.S. officials at a dinner given at the Argentine Embassy on Friday, even after the State Department had deplored Argentina's invasion of the Falklands. (AP)

France plans sober reforms after poll setback

By Robin Smyth

PARIS —

A more sober, more persuasive, less impetuous French socialism is being planned by Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy and his government as they study the lessons of their defeat in the local elections. "We shall explain, apply and put into force our reforms," Mauroy said recently. "Now change will be able to take on all its force and fullness. We have assembled our tools."

Asked whether this was not in fact the "pause" in the forward surge of reform which has been urged on him by Jacques Delors, his finance minister, the prime minister replied: "Interpret it how you like." Mauroy was speaking after one of the most crowded weeks of reform since President Mitterrand came to power last summer.

Last month almost two centuries of administrative practice were overturned when 95 newly elected assemblies scattered across the country found themselves endowed with the powers of regional parliaments. The prefects who have taken their orders from Paris since 1800, fell back into an advisory role, each handing over the bulk of their

executive powers to a president de conseil general, a locally elected politician.

The rightward swing in the two-round cantonal elections has given Gaullists and Giscardians control of 59 of these regional assemblies to 36 for the Left. Now the Socialist *Le Matin* is warning that the government's decentralization project could lead to grave conflict in the provinces. The country's administrative system might seize up if the assemblies in the 95 departments refuse to conform to guidelines for the provinces laid down in Paris, it says.

Jean Lecanuet, one of the conservative opposition leaders, made it immediately plain that the Gaullists and Giscardians intend to follow up their election victory. "It is through local government that the reconquest of power will begin," Lecanuet said.

Last week the cabinet adopted a package of decrees — including the voluntary reduction of the retirement age to 60 and the extension of workers' rights in industry — which was a final "collection of tools" in the government's social reform program.

The changes met with a hostile reception from

employers, who considered them costly, and union leaders, who judged them to be inadequate. *Le Matin* found the plans for retirement at 60 so impractical about whom would be affected and how the money would be raised that they should never have been put forward. "Simple good sense leads one to the conclusion that it will be very expensive," declared a *Le Matin* editorial.

The Socialist Party's "social democrat," Michel Rocard, the minister of economic planning, who according to the opinion polls remains the most popular Socialist in the country, made a careful post-election statement indicating that a change of style is needed. The other prominent "renlist" in the cabinet, Jacques Delors, who has succeeded in staving off the onslaught in the franc, is close behind Rocard in the latest opinion polls.

Even the Communist Party, the chief loser in the local elections, was feeling the moderate wind. Georges Marchais, the secretary general, admitted that the "distortion" by television and the press of the party's anti-Solidarity line on Poland had frightened off voters. This seemed to herald a decision by the party to modify its fidelity to Moscow. (ONS)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, April 10th, the 100th day of 1982. There are 265 days left in the year.

- Highlights in history on this date:
- 1552 — France's King Henri II captures Metz and allies with German Protestants.
 - 1606 — Hapsburg Dukes rebel against Roman Emperor Rudolf II.
 - 1694 — Duke Victor Amadeus of Savoy begins siege of Casale in Italy.
 - 1741 — Prussia's Frederick II defeats Austrian forces at Mollwitz and conquers Silesia.
 - 1832 — Turkey declares war on Muhammad Ali, khedive of Egypt.
 - 1864 — Austria's Archduke Maximilian accepts title of emperor of Mexico.
 - 1945 — U.S. soldiers liberate Nazi concentration camp at Buchwald, Germany.
 - 1963 — It is disclosed that U.S. atomic submarine *Thresher* has failed to surface after deep dive in North Atlantic with loss of 129 lives — worst submarine disaster in U.S. history.
 - 1972 — The United States and Soviet Union sign treaty banning biological warfare.
 - 1973 — Chartered British airliner crashes in blizzard in Switzerland, killing 106 people.
 - 1974 — Israel's Premier Golda Meir announces her resignation.
 - 1977 — France leads fleet of military transport planes to Morocco to carry troops to Zaïre to support government against hostile forces.
 - 1980 — European allies of the United States demand that Iran release U.S. hostages, but they stop short of joining new round of U.S. economic sanctions against Tehran.
 - 1981 — First test flight of U.S. space shuttle *Columbia* fails to take off on schedule because of computer malfunction. Blastoff occurs two days later.

Thought for today:

Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe. — H.G. Wells, English writer-historian (1866-1946)

Jojoba plant is useful, survives in arid areas

By Manuel Cordova

HONG KONG (Depthnews) — The wild plant has been known for centuries to the Indians in the Sonora Desert of Northwestern Mexico and Southwestern United States. The San Carlos Apache particularly have long used its seeds — made up of about 50 percent oil — for cosmetics, to soften leather and to make candles.

Recently, it has caught the interest of Arab countries, and has even caused land prices in California and Australia to skyrocket for a while. The oil in its seeds may yet help save the endangered sperm whale, while its roots could stop creeping deserts.

Much about the jojoba (pronounced ho-ho-ba) plant is not known yet, but its potential uses have certainly fired interests, from the cosmetic research assistant in New York to Arab countries starved of arable land and water.

For instance, the kind of seed and oil yields from cultivated jojoba is mostly based on approximations. Seed yields from wild jojoba range from a few to more than 30 pounds (14 kilos) of clean dry seed per plant. High yields were observed on a few plants and in certain years only.

Researchers also point out that much still remains to be learned about the plant's agronomy. Temperature appears to be a crucial factor in its growth. Jojoba plants require some watering for the first two years, a watering length not required by other drought-resistant trees.

The Tropical Products Institute in London calculates that jojoba is unlikely to provide more than a minor new source of income for a few developing countries. Assuming a wax market of 5,000 tons and an oil market of 20,000 tons a year, only 10,000 hectares of jojoba would be needed to meet market demand — "a very small area in global terms."

Still, jojoba's continuing popularity is not

hard to understand. Explains Dr. Demeitrios Yermanos, agronomy professor at the University of California, Riverside: "Jojoba grows in soil of marginal fertility, needs little water, withstands salinity, and does not seem to need fertilizers or other chemical treatments. It is not afflicted yet by major diseases or insect pests, and can withstand many chemical sprays if needed. Its soil can be extracted like other oilseeds. It is a labor-intensive crop that is easy to grow."

It can also be planted along highways and around desert cities, at the same time cultivated as a commercial crop grown in areas where no other crops now grow. Which is why most Arab countries are interested.

Dr. Yermanos is behind a successful jojoba project in Sudan started in 1979 and is to run until this year. He is investigating its prospects as a cash crop and the chances of it providing employment and additional income for rural villagers. Supported by the United Nations Development Program, Sudan provided 200-acre sites in the Red Sea Hills and in the province of North Darfur.

Sudan is interested, partly because of continuing desertification. Studies have shown that the desert, over a 17-year period, claimed 100 kilometers of prime agricultural land. Sudan also has large tracts of land where little else can grow. And it needs to increase the income of its 18 million people, 80 percent of which are rural.

Less than a year after the first seeds were planted, jojoba in all regions of the Sudan, appeared to be growing faster and, in some instances, flowering earlier than in California and Mexico, its native habitat.

Increasing Arab and African interest in the jojoba plant was seen last February when current knowledge about the plant was discussed in a Khartoum seminar called by UNDP. The seminar was seen as a launching pad for regional development of the plant.

Halt in internal telegram service upsets Britons

By Katharine Whitehorn

LONDON (LOS) — The British are to stop their internal telegram service shortly, and a wail of misery has gone up all over the land. Started 112 years ago, the telegram was one of the joys of British life: the world of Evelyn Waugh and P.G. Wodehouse showed their heroes sending telegrams and waiting but an hour or two for the answer. Now all that is to be allowed is a 60-word "Telemessage," and it won't be the same thing at all.

No more will someone like G.K. Chesterton be able to wire AM IN MARKET HAR-

BOROUGH WHERE OUGHT I TO BE? No more will some heroine of a latter-day *Cold Comfort Farm*, Stella Gibbons' great spoof on the earthly rural novel, be able to telegraph WORST FEARS REALIZED DURING SETH AND REUBEN TOO SEND GUMBOOTS.

Presumably if the American telegram service goes on, we will still get cracks like Cary Grant's answer to the wire 'HOW OLD CARY GRANT' 'QUERY which was OLD CARY GRANT FINE STOP HOW YOU?' and I don't doubt that *Time* magazine is still

responding to its most subtle and perceptive overseas correspondents with a crude WHO GOOD GUY WHO BAD GUY?

Press telegrams, of course, are a world of their own. Ever conscious of the cost of a word, the Press has built a whole jargon where prefixes like un are used instead of a separate "not", and where six means "and six."

The great Richard Busvine of the *Chicago Times* was sitting babbly on the veranda of Shepherd's Hotel in Cairo while everyone else was at the front; he got a frantic cable

WHY UNNEWS. replied 'hopefully UNNEWS GOOD' 'NEWS but was crushed by the reply UNNEWS UNJOB.

Jim Bone, a Scots editor not given to chattiness even when speaking, was so upset to find himself in Baltimore and his wife in London when the Blitz began that he sent an immensely long cable saying DESPERATELY WORRIED FRIENDS HERE URGE YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS LEAVE LONDON AT ONCE JOIN ME HERE and much more; his wife responded with a terse UNCOMING ANNIE.

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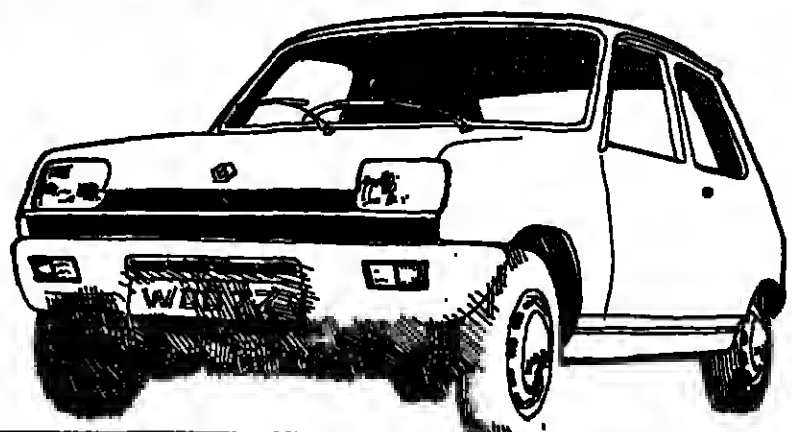
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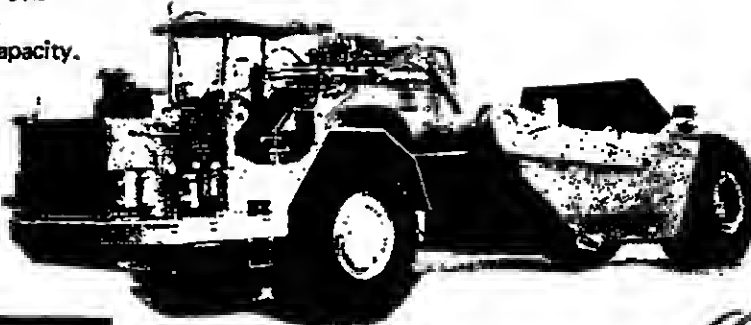
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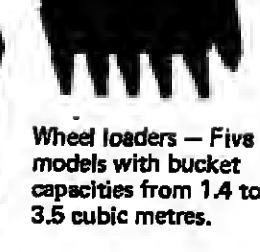


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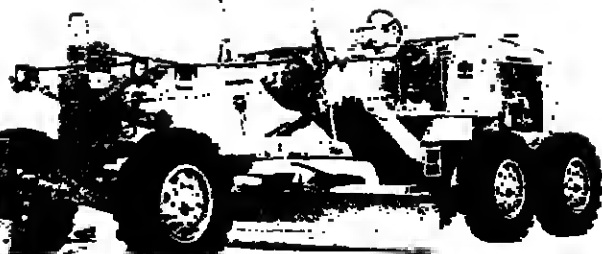
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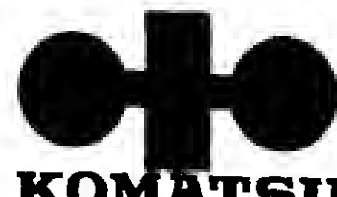


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Asia has scant resources

Facing challenge of economic growth vs. population

By Sachin Preecha

BANGKOK (Depthnews) — The developing world is like a poor but growing family trying to extricate itself from the clutches of poverty. It tries to build something on its scant resources, but an ever-increasing population continues to use up whatever it is able to produce.

Dr. Nafis Sadik, assistant executive director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, shared this perspective with Asian mass media leaders who met here recently. The Asian region in particular, she said, faces the challenge of how to achieve sound economic growth in the face of population-related pressures.

Quoting U.N. figures, Dr. Sadik pointed out that in the next 20 years, the world's population of 4.4 billion is expected to grow by two billion more. And the developing world, which already contains 3.3 billion people, will account for 50 percent of the global population increase.

"These are the areas able to sustain the additional burden," the UNFPA official stressed.

It is a good thing that in recent years, governments have learned to view develop-

ment as closely linked with population factors. The presence of more people, for instance, means a greater demand for food, fuel, shelter and other basic goods. Hasty efforts to meet this demand, she observed, "often result in unsound methods of agriculture and grazing and over-exploitation of natural resources."

Among the first to recognize the ill-effects of rapid population growth on social and economic progress, noted Dr. Sadik, were the Asian countries which led the way in adopting both direct and indirect population policies. Direct population policies, she explained, included family planning programs and incorporating population into development planning; indirect policies included investment in health and education programs, establishment of pension plans and programs to improve the status of women. Countries like Malaysia and Sri Lanka also implemented measures designed to effect population distribution.

Further citing Asian countries as "pioneers" in the population field, the UNFPA official cited the success of China in achieving "one of the most striking fertility declines in demographic history and all within a relatively short period of time."

China's yearly growth rate is now estimated at 1.3 percent (compared to the 2.1 percent of the developing world as a whole).

Similarly, Indonesia was able to reduce its crude birth rate from 45 per 1,000 in the late 1960s to about 33 per 1,000 at present. Other "success stories," said Dr. Sadik, are those of Singapore, Malaysia and Sri Lanka.

Despite these pluses, however, "much remains to be done," according to Dr. Sadik, in that many already populous countries continue to grow at fairly rapid rates. She cited Bangladesh and Pakistan, which are expected to grow at about 2.8 percent yearly for 1980-85, India and China which have slowed down but whose sheer size will involve large additions; and some islands of the Pacific whose populations will grow by about 3 percent in the next five years.

Reviewing global population trends, Dr. Sadik said that although developed countries grew at the yearly rate of only 0.7 percent, poorer nations multiplied at the rate of about 2.1 percent, bringing world growth rates to 1.7 percent yearly for the period 1975-80.

These differences in demographic indicators can be seen with the poor and better-off sections of Asia itself. Dr. Sadik noted that for the same period, East Asian

countries grew in population at the rate of 1.4 percent while that of South Asian countries was 2.2 percent per annum. Total fertility rates, meaning the average number of children per woman, ranged from highs of about 6.5 in Afghanistan and Pakistan, 6.4 in Nepal and 6.3 in Bangladesh to lows of about 2.3 in China and two in Singapore.

In the Asia and Pacific region where 2.5 billion people reside, Dr. Sadik said that the two most populous countries are China (994.9 million in 1980) and India (684.4 million in 1980), whose populations comprise about half of that of the developing world.

Revealed Dr. Sadik: "Even at present annual growth rates, China will add approximately 12.8 million people to its population each year between 1980 and 1985. India, with a projected growth rate of about 1.9 for 1980-85, will sustain an annual increase of about 13.5 million people for that five-year period. Indeed, demographers are fond of pointing out that if India's most populous state, Uttar Pradesh were a country, it would be the fifth largest developing country in the world."

But though "formidable," population and development problems are being met with "equally formidable" commitment by Asian leaders, according to the UNFPA official.

She referred to the Beijing Declaration, drawn up at the Asian Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development in 1981, which called on all Asian countries "to review the existing targets and goals in the implementation of population and development programs so as to contribute to the attainment of the one percent population growth rate for the Asian region by the year 2000..."

New high-yield papaya developed

NEW DELHI (PTI) — Indian agricultural scientists have developed a new variety of papaya which out-yields all other popular varieties of the fruit in the country.

The new variety, developed by the scientists of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute's (IARI) regional research station in Pusa in the eastern state of Bihar, has been found to be excellent in quality, sweeter than the other varieties and has a fine flavor.

Called Pusa-1-15, the new papaya variety has been tried out at several places in the country during the past few years, according to an IARI spokesman. The average yield of fruits per plant is nearly 45 kg according to the spokesman.

The highest weight of a single fruit was recorded at seven kg in Faizabad and about six kg in Varanasi, both in Uttar Pradesh State.

1.2 million outcasts

'Burakumin:' A blot on Japan's conscience

By Dilip Mukerjee

TOKYO (Depthnews) — Weaving in and out of busy traffic in the center of Tokyo is a long procession. It is yet another protest demonstration by a group of people who are euphemistically called *shinheimin* or "newly equal persons."

Their grievance is that the promise of equality made to them by the Meiji government back in 1871 remains unfulfilled. Despite the changes of the past century which have catapulted the country to the top of the world league in terms of personal incomes, technological leadership and the like, these people remain condemned to poverty merely because of their birth. The oddity of this is all the greater because Japan is in every other way a highly homogeneous society, which has enabled it to pursue national goals with a single-mindedness missing in other nations.

However long or closely you look at the marchers, you cannot find any feature to distinguish them from other Japanese. But this, alas, only adds to the problems faced by the *shinheimin*. Their number by official census statistics is 1.12 million, almost half of them living in the Kinki region in the center of the country. But independent estimates put the number at three million out of a national population of 116 million.

The discrepancy explains the nature of the problem. Before Meiji rulers abolished the caste system that had obtained before and made those outside the pale of society the *shinheimin*, they were living in segregation in their own ghettos such as the Arakawa Ward of Tokyo. The last world war plus the urban explosion over the past decades has dispersed the formally segregated population all over the place.

The official figure thus relates only to present dwellers of special districts. The others outside — speaking, eating and dressing the same way as other fellow citizens — have in many cases sought to erase their special identity and merge in the mainstream. But in a country where everyone has identity papers recording his family origin, merging requires deception with the ever-present danger that the truth may come out.

This danger is all the greater because records were secretly compiled in 1977 to provide a nationwide listing of *burakumin*, or literally the dwellers of special districts, including those who have moved away. The secrecy was necessary because it is an offense under the law to discriminate against other citizens, or aid and abet in it. Nevertheless, many large corporations are known to have requested copies.

As the *Yomiuri* newspaper noted at that time, clearly some personnel managers had

been referring to the book in the selection of candidates. The influential newspaper, also noted that the Justice Ministry was told by the private detective who authored the list that he had done so "on request from a long list of corporations."

The traumas resulting from such attempts to spot out *burakumin* are well documented by the media. *Asahi Shimbun* recorded the case of a girl whose suspicious mother wrote to her would-be son-in-law's birthplace asking for his father's census details. The request was turned down and municipal officials tried instead to persuade the mother to consent to the marriage. But to no avail; the young couple broke up. In another instance quoted by the newspaper, a 23-year-old woman found out three weeks after giving birth to her first child that her husband was a *burakumin*. "As a result, she refused to touch the child and returned to her parent's home." An Osaka University survey found that 20 percent of householders interviewed were "absolutely opposed" to such inter-marriage and another 31 percent considered them unwise.

The origins of the prejudice go as far back as the mid-6th century when Buddhism spread to Japan. In line with Buddhist taboos against animal slaughter, those engaged in "unclean" vocations like butchery, tanning or making footwear came to be regarded as outcasts — much like India's untouchables.

Burakumin is a derogatory expression but less insulting compared with others in use to describe them in colloquial speech — among them *eta* (filth) or *Yotsu* meaning four, an oblique reference to four-legged animals. The fight against this continuing humiliation is led by the *Burakumin* Liberation League which is seeking effective implementation of laws against discrimination as well as specific measures of help for a community shackled by history to poverty.

In the early 1970s, Japan adopted a special law to promote assimilation in a 10-year time frame. It has had to be extended by another three years already, and will probably have to be renewed for a further period because of the community's persistent and almost self-perpetuating handicaps.

The way up the ladder for all Japanese lies through good grades at school, particularly the prestigious schools. But the *burakumin* cannot even get on to the ladder because their education is handicapped by poverty. Absenteeism at the primary level in *burakumin* areas is as much as 20 percent — as established by an academic survey — in contrast with the national average of 0.6 percent.

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By Peter J.

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Dear Dr. Steinrohn: I know doctors mean well, but when will they stop preaching to us about this danger and that?

For a while, all you'd hear about was how bad smoking is for us. And, of course, we've been warned about too much drinking. We appreciate all this "parental" care from doctors. But why don't they give us a rest?

Now all you hear about is the dangers of high blood pressure. Isn't that being overdone, too?

For example, my pressure six months ago ran about 190/110. I am 46 years old. My doctor immediately put me on antihypertensive drugs.

They've brought my pressure down to 170/95. I admit I occasionally omit my medicines. But wouldn't you think he'd be satisfied?

My pressure is practically down to normal, I think. But he disagrees. He wants it lower. Isn't he being too strict? — Mrs. L.

Dear Mrs. L.: In these debates between patient and doctor, I hope you'll recall I've not always taken the doctor's side. But this time, I have no choice.

Your doctor shows good medical judgment in trying to bring your pressure even lower. Although your systolic pressure of 170 isn't too bad, your diastolic of 95 is distinctly too high.

You may believe that American doctors "warn too much" if the diastolic is 90mm Hg (mercury) or higher. But we're not the only ones.

For example, a recent report from Australia, indicated that doctors there are even more strict about the level of diastolic pressure. Although they admit that the level of 90 is normal, they are not content with it.

For example, according to Ralph Reader, MD, Chairman of the Management Committee, "The goal diastolic blood pressure is cer-

tainly below 90mm Hg, and ideally below 80."

Perhaps now, you'll admit that your own doctor hasn't been too much of a perfectionist. Mrs. L. At least, try to get your diastolic down to the 90 level.

MEDICALETTES

(Replies to and from readers):

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: I didn't suspect anything was wrong until our 2-year-old began to wheeze. It was then that our pediatrician discovered a button stuck in the back of her throat. When it was removed, the wheezing disappeared. Is this unusual? — Mrs. F.

Dear Mrs. F.: Wheezing is often the first indication that a baby has swallowed something that obstructs the gullet. They'll eat anything, including coins, buttons, safety pins, nuts and scores of other things.

Sometimes, the obstruction isn't discovered until weeks or months later. But usually, these foreign objects pass uneventfully through the intestinal tract. If they don't, removal is necessary by esophagoscopy (a tube inserted through the mouth), or operation.

For Mrs. Y.: Even as I write and mention "yawning," it's likely you will yawn right now. We all know how contagious yawning is.

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Tomorrow: First aid kit for trips



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India nears final phase of Mirage negotiations

PARIS, April 9 (AP) — Negotiations between India and France for the \$3 billion purchase of 150 Mirage 2000 fighters have entered their final stage here, informed sources said.

An Indian delegation led by Foreign Secretary-designate M. K. Rasgotra, Defense Secretary P. K. Kaul and M. R. Sivaraman, joint secretary in the Finance Ministry, arrived here three days ago with the aim of signing a letter of intent for the aircraft.

The final negotiations are reported by French and Indian sources to concern the rate of interest to be charged by France on the credits it is to make available to India for the purchase and the conditions of the first payment on the signature of the letter of intent.

The contract will be in three phases, the French sources said. There will first be a delivery of 40 to 45 aircraft which have already been built by the Dassault Co. They will be flown to India by either Indian Air Force or Dassault pilots.

The second stage calls for simultaneous assembly of about 40 further aircraft in France and at Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. in Bangalore. Then another 60 aircraft will be built under license at Bangalore.

France was in competition with the Soviet Union for the Indian order, with the Soviets proposing the late-model, MiG 27 at almost half the price of the French aircraft, but offering less transfer of technology than France, the sources said.

Reagan assertion said misleading

U.S. concept of 'arming to disarm' denounced

HAMBURG, West Germany, April 9 (Agencies) — Paul Warnke, who conducted negotiations for the SALT 2 treaty, has accused U.S. President Ronald Reagan of misleading the American public by asserting that the Soviet Union has nuclear superiority over the United States.

In an interview published Thursday in the West German magazine *Der Spiegel*, Warnke said Reagan's assertion of Soviet superiority was "irresponsible, and, in addition, a false remark that can only endanger talks" on strategic arms limitation.

Reagan said at a press conference in Washington last week that the United States wanted to open such talks with the Soviet Union and offered to meet Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev at a United Nations General Assembly on arms this summer.

But he used the same press conference to

counter growing calls in the United States for a nuclear freeze in East and West by asserting the United States must rearm to counter Soviet military and nuclear superiority.

Warnke denounced this concept of "arming to disarm". The idea contains "the fundamental misconception that the United States is inferior to the Soviets in its ability to conduct a strategic nuclear war," Warnke said.

Warnke said he thought opposition to Reagan's strategy was growing in the United States and that 60 to 70 percent of Americans rejected it. "I think the president is mistaken when he says he was elected with the task of building more nuclear arms and scrapping arms control," he was quoted as saying.

Stopping nuclear armament would bring more security, he argued. "It doesn't matter

how much we go on building, the Soviets can and will follow," Warnke said. "Thus there will be the same stalemate at a higher level and an increased risk."

Plans to continue expanding America's nuclear arsenal are thus "just a recipe for unlimited continuation of the nuclear arms race," he added.

He also argued against deployment of 572 U.S. Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in Europe from late next year if by then Soviet-American talks in Geneva have failed to produce agreements removing the threat to Western Europe from Soviet SS-20 missiles.

"We do not need 572 new missiles that are pointed on exactly the same targets as those we already cover with another part of our 10,000 strategic warheads," Warnke said.

Police fire tear gas on Gandhi opponents

NEW DELHI, April 9 (AP) — Police fired tear gas on demonstrators who attempted to disrupt a speech by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in northern Punjab state Thursday. Thirty-five women including a member of parliament were arrested.

The disruption occurred at Kapuri, about 300 kms north of New Delhi, where Mrs. Gandhi inaugurated work on a controversial canal that will bring water from the Yamuna and Sutlej rivers south through Haryana state and to the dry lands of Maharashtra state.

The trouble began when members of a women's wing of one opposition party attempted to break the police cordon around where Mrs. Gandhi was speaking.

BRIEFS

TOKYO (AFP) — The U.S. Navy plans to deploy a battleship, soon to be the only one in operation in the world, in the Pacific, the American military commander in Japan said Thursday. Lt. Gen. Charles Donnelly, commander of the U.S. armed forces in Japan, told private defense seminar here that one of the four Iowa-class battleships of World War II vintage — now in reserve — would join the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

KAMPALA (AFP) — Ugandan authorities have intercepted 90 boats trying to ferry coffee and maize into Kenya, the Kampala vernacular newspaper *Munno* reported Friday quoting Vice President Paulo Muwanga. According to *Munno*, at least 80 persons had been detained as a result of the swoop on the smugglers.

NEW YORK (R) — James Priceman went out to get a tuna fish sandwich Wednesday

and picked up \$37 million. The 44-year-old assistant cashier on Wall Street was on his lunch break when he found an envelope on the street containing the money in negotiable securities. He returned the money and received a \$250 reward, his employers reported.

BELGRADE (R) — Five Yugoslavs who hijacked an airliner on a domestic flight to Cyprus last September were sentenced to jail terms ranging from eight years to 18 months by a district court here Thursday. The court acquitted the sixth defendant, the only woman in the group, for lack of evidence.

ATHENS (AP) — Two moderate earthquakes rocked the Ionian islands off western Greece Thursday, but no damage or casualties were reported, the Athens Seismological Institute said.

Gen. Prem evasive

Thais prepare for poll

BANGKOK, April 9 (AFP) — Thai Premier Prem Tinsulanonda Friday remained evasive about his future plans as political parties plunged into preparations for general elections next year. Leading preparations for the big fight, scheduled for April 22, 1983, are the country's oldest and most powerful parties.

The Democrat Party, founded by the late Khuang Ahhaiwongse in 1946, last Saturday chose a new leader in preparation for the event. The Social Action Party (SAP) is contemplating a new replacement for its leader, former Premier Kukrit Pramoj, who has strongly expressed the wish to step down on health grounds.

Gen. Prem, prime minister since March 1980, is remaining discreet amid appeals to him to enter the race. The career soldier was named premier after his predecessor, Gen. Kriangsak Chomanan, resigned in the face of fierce criticism of his government's economic policies. Kriangsak, who won a landslide victory in a by-election in November last year, is said to be "aiming high" in the forthcoming battle.

The Democrats, who lost their traditional stronghold in Bangkok to a newcomer in the last general elections three years ago, are making vigorous efforts to make a comeback. Only one Democrat, deputy premier Thanat Khoman, in his first election race, won a city seat. The remaining 32 went to the Thai People's Party of former Interior Minister Samak Sundhornvej.

Thanat last month resigned from the year-long leadership of a party in which he virtually had no base. The Democrats' new leader, former Foreign Minister Bhiwachai Rattakul, has spoken of setting up a "think tank" and introducing far-reaching structural reforms. He said the party planned to field 200 candidates "to win 100 seats" against the party's

present strength of 47 in the 301-strong House of Representatives.

SAP has yet to announce its election plans as a leadership crisis, following Kukrit's avowed decision to step down, is yet to be resolved.

Former Finance Minister Boonchu Raja Asathien, favored as a successor, does not enjoy total party support. But he has gained sympathy since his resignation from party posts in protest against SAP's decision to join Gen. Prem's third government last December.

U.N. official gets letter of censure



UNITED NATIONS, April 9 (AP) — A spokesman here announced Thursday that a letter of censure had been issued to the U.N. official who said on television that he thought the United Nations would have to leave New York if Mayor Edward I. Koch wanted it to. The spokesman, Joe Sills, told reporters the letter was the outcome of an investigation conducted by a secretariat panel set up after the official, Hans Janitschek of Austria, made the remark on Feb. 10.

Koch, upset over a General Assembly resolution against Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights, had proposed to put a reference to U.N. "hypocrisy, immorality and cowardice" on the so-called Isaiah Wall opposite this headquarters, which bears the saying that some day nations will "beat their swords into plowshares."

In a TV interview beside the wall, Janitschek said if Koch put those words on it, "we won't take that." He added that Koch had gone too far and "if he wants us out, I think we will have to leave." Koch later said he did not want the United Nations to leave.

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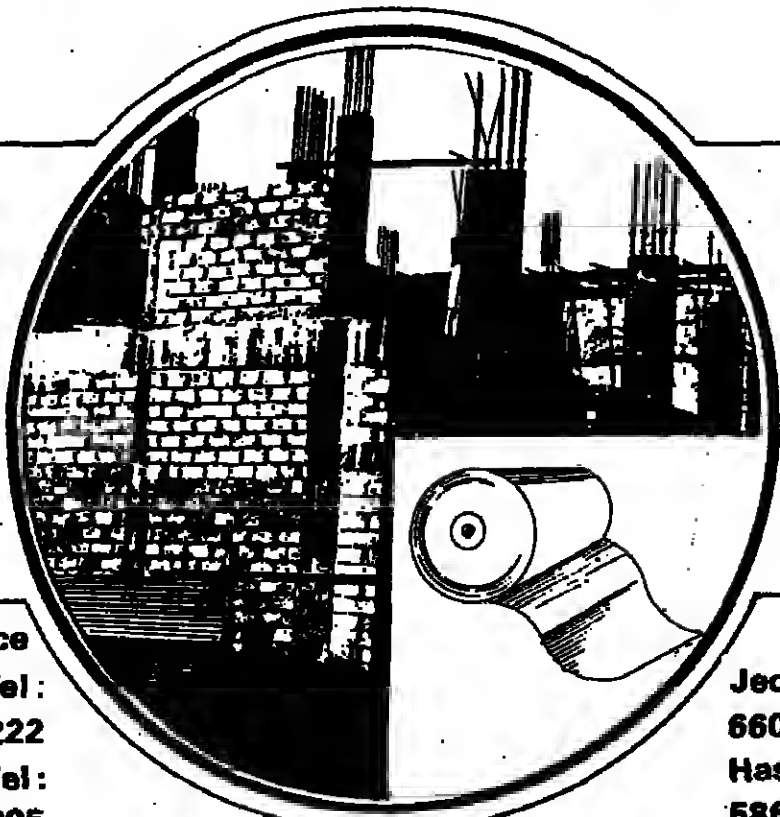
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With U.K. tightening screws

Argentina faces fund stoppage

LONDON, April 9 (R) — Britain is tightening the financial screws on Argentina in the Falkland Islands dispute by making it more difficult for Buenos Aires to raise new loans.

Argentina is one of the world's most indebted nations, owing some \$34 billion — even more than Poland — and needs a constant flow of money from abroad to sustain its critically weak economy and meet repayment commitments.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government is using other economic tools, including a call on Britain's allies to ban Argentine imports, but even if trade sanctions are imposed they are usually slow to take hold, and in the past often proved ineffective.

Pressure on international credit markets to deny new loans to Argentina, however, will reinforce the natural inclination of bankers not to supply money to countries that face an uncertain future, military and political, analysts say.

And bankers say the Falklands crisis, with its risk of war and possible threat to the military government in Buenos Aires, already

means that Argentina is not getting the funds it needs and probably will not do so until the crisis is resolved.

Britain asked other countries Wednesday to discourage their banks from granting fresh loans to Argentina and to follow its lead in terminating government-provided export credits that help Buenos Aires to finance purchases from abroad. "We are asking our friends to do everything they can to help us," said Foreign Secretary Francis Pym.

The Argentine economics minister, Roberto Alemann, was quoted in a recent interview with *Euromoney*, a widely-respected publication on international finance, as saying that Argentina might have to renegotiate some of the terms of its debts. The interview was given before the Falklands crisis.

Analysts said the freeze imposed by the

Soviet urges farm reforms

MOSCOW, April 9 (R) — An agricultural expert said Friday that the Soviet Union, which is expected to import a record 42 million tons of grain this year, should drastically reorganize its production methods.

Reforms could turn Moscow into a wheat exporter again, academician Vladimir Tikhonov told the daily *Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya*.

But he indicated that the problems of Soviet agriculture, which has suffered its third successive bad grain harvest, were deeply rooted and would take years to solve. The size of the last harvest is secret, but the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated a yield of 175 million tons. Foreign experts in Moscow said it could be as low as 140 million tons.

Tikhonov said suggestions that the high level of imports meant that the Soviet Union could not grow enough grain for its needs were "a vulgar distortion of the essence of the problem."

He indicated, however, that too much grain was being used as cattle fodder, adding: "We ought to make a decisive change in the structure of grain production and imports."

Such a move would enable the Soviet

Bank of England on Argentine assets held in Britain and the counter-declaration by Argentina that it would not deal with British banks would inevitably lead to major problems over Argentina's debts.

One fear was that if Argentina did not make its scheduled repayments to British banks it could, after a few weeks' grace, be declared in default. This would trigger cross-default clauses in other international loan agreements and lead to a scramble by banks to seize Argentine assets abroad.

Banking sources said the Bank of England was being very firm with foreign bank branches here, despite complaints that forcing them to adhere to British government policies over the Falklands would severely damage London's reputation as a financial center free from pressure over localized disputes.

Union to stop importing wheat and even return to the world market as a wheat exporter, Tikhonov said. This could happen only when the Soviet Union reorganized sowing patterns to grow different crops in areas where soil and weather conditions were suitable. This has been frustrated by lack of facilities to market and transport produce between regions.

Tikhonov said a fifth of the annual crop of grain, fruit and vegetables was lost during harvesting transport and storage.

"The weakness and undeveloped state of these... reduce to zero a significant part of our efforts in arable and livestock farming," he added.

More losses were caused over centralization of processing plants and unreliable Soviet farm equipment. Many types of farm machinery produced abroad did not exist in the Soviet Union.

He blamed rising purchasing power for much of the Soviet Union's problem with food shortages. Food supplies were expanding by around one percent a year, while purchasing power was expanding nearly seven times as fast.

U.S. prices decline by 1.7 percent

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP) — Wholesale prices in the United States fell at an annual rate of 1.7 percent in March, the government reported Friday, matching February's decline and marking the first time since 1967 that prices have been off for two months running.

Pacing the March decline, which private economists say is largely the product of the stubborn recession, were falling prices for energy and food. The decline in energy prices was the sharpest in more than six years.

Friday's report also bolstered economists' predictions that in the coming months inflation — at both the wholesale and retail levels — will be under last year's pace, which was 7 percent at wholesale.

In the new report, the Labor Department said its producer price index for finished goods fell a seasonally adjusted 0.1 percent in March.

Japan's growth dips below 3%

TOKYO, April 9 (AFP) — The Japanese economy grew by less than three percent in real terms in the 1981 fiscal year ending in March compared with the government's target of 5.3 percent, a government economic policymaker said Friday.

Toshio Komoto, director general of the Economic Planning Agency, told a lower house finance committee meeting that growth had "apparently failed to reach even the three percent level."

Final statistics on Japan's economic growth in fiscal 1981 are to be made public later.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki instructed cabinet ministers for economic affairs to compile a package of economic stimulative measures possibly by the end of this month.

Komoto said that drastic efforts will be necessary to achieve the government's estimate of 5.2 percent real growth in the current fiscal year, ending in March next year.

In electronics, energy field

Paris, Jakarta ties blossom

JAKARTA, April 9 (AFP) — Indonesia and France plan to step up cooperation in energy, agriculture, food, space and electronics, Jean-Pierre Chevenement, French minister for research and technology, has said here.

Chevenement, currently on an official visit said working groups were being set up for the purpose. He said that cooperation between the two countries was particularly strong in civil aviation, aeronautics and electrical engineering.

The minister said he believed that Franco-Indonesian cooperation had acquired "new momentum" since the change to a Socialist government in France a year ago.

Chevenement, who was trade attaché in Indonesia in 1969, has met President Suharto and the ministers of energy, agriculture and research. He has toured Puspitex Research Center near here, the Cengkareng Airport being built under the supervision of the Paris Airport Authority, and the Nuriario Aircraft Company at Bandung.

The visiting minister told newsmen: "Research Minister Dr. Habibie and I agree

that any industrial venture needs special facilities for training technicians, engineers and skilled workers who can subsequently build up Indonesia industry."

Chevenement noted: "the new Socialist government sees the North-South relationship as the main feature of its policy." Asked about the Ariane Rocket, he thought this was very suitable for a widely scattered country like Indonesia, for positioning satellites used in communications, survey work, television and weather observations. In the next 10 years some 150 launchings were planned in the case of this rocket. He said it was "competitive, even in the United States."

A joint communication by the two research ministers laid stress on projects concerning aeronautics and space, oceanology, geology, training and education.

The French minister saw scope for cooperation in nuclear power. Indonesia had urgent and substantial requirements in view of the drop in its oil production coupled with a consumption growth rate of some 12 percent per annum, he declared.

BRIEFS

THE HAGUE, (AFP) — The Netherlands center-left coalition government Friday announced it was trimming 3.4 billion florins (\$1.4 billion) from this year's budget, under a last ditch compromise to avert a government crisis. Prime Minister Andreas Van Agt announced the agreement — which will chop a further 8.5 billion florins (\$3.4 billion) off next year's government expenditure — after a marathon 18-hour cabinet session.

MANAGUA, (R) — Nicaragua and Bulgaria have signed a \$35-million trade and technical assistance agreement, according to an official announcement Thursday. The agreement signed here Wednesday provides Nicaragua with a \$27-million line of credit for the purchase of Bulgarian food and medicines and \$3 million in technical assistance.

SEATTLE, (AFP) — The state of Washington has rejected an application for a new oil terminal at Port Angeles near Seattle on grounds that it would harm the environ-

ment. The terminal would have received oil by tanker from Alaska for unloading into a pipeline going 2,500 kms (1,500 miles) to Montana and taking up to 900,000 barrels a day. The project earlier obtained federal approval. It was thought the company concerned, Northern Tier Pipeline, would appeal the decision in court.

LONDON, (AFP) — Conzinc Rio Tinto and British Petroleum are to exploit a large Indonesian coal deposit under a 20-year arrangement with the Indonesian Coal Authority. The deposit covers 700,000 hectares (1.75 million acres) in eastern Kalimantan.

OTTAWA, (AFP) — The government-owned Export Development Corporation (EDC) announced that it will grant credits of up to Canadian \$50.5 million for the Electricity Generating Corporation of Thailand. The loan will go toward the purchase of lignite-fired boiler equipment from Combustion Engineering Superheater Ltd. of Ottawa.

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As Bates sinks timely basket

Trail Blazers keep playoff hopes alive

NEW YORK, April 9 (AP) — Portland coach Jack Ramsay and Billy Ray Bates gave the game-winning slam a different rating on the spectacular dunk scale.

"It was an average play... just an average play," Bates said after his dunk with two seconds left climaxed a second-half comeback that carried the Trail Blazers to an important 106-104 victory over the Phoenix Suns Thursday night. "I had a better one against the Lakers a few weeks ago when I tore the strings right off the hoop."

"Billy is so strong, he can go past anybody," Ramsay said after Bates muscled past several defenders before reaching the basket. "It was just a matter of his getting position on somebody." Portland needed the victory desperately on the Suns' home court to keep its National Basketball Association playoff hopes alive. The Trail Blazers now are three games behind Phoenix and Golden State, who are tied for the sixth and final Western Conference postseason berth.

All three teams have six games to play in the regular season. In other NBA games Thursday, Boston tripped New York 110-106 and Seattle edged San Diego 117-115 overtime. The Trail Blazers trailed by 15 points early in the third period, but 10 straight points in a span of 1:46 tied the game 102-102 with 1:52 remaining.

Two free throws apiece by Dennis Johnson, who scored 22 points for Phoenix, and Bates made it 104-104 before Portland grabbed a defensive rebound with 17 seconds to go, setting up Bates' game-winning. Jeff Lamp hit all 11 of his points during the fourth-period rally.

Suns coach John MacLeod, who had hoped to clinch a playoff spot by now, said he realized the Suns are in a precarious position. "It's a situation we didn't want to have,"

MacLeod said. "We still have six games to go. We may not win every game, but we'll have to put together a string." Bob Gross and Jim Paxson led Portland scorers with 17 points apiece, while Suns center Alvan Adams had 24.

Celtics 110, Knicks 106; Boston eliminated New York from playoff contention, winning its 22nd game in the last 24 starts as Cedric Maxwell led a balanced-scoring attack with 22 points.

The Celtics, who have a five-game lead over Philadelphia in the Atlantic Division with six games to play, got 19 points each from Larry Bird and Kevin McHale and 17 from Robert Parish, who played only 19 minutes because of foul trouble.

The Knicks, who got 24 points from Michael Ray Richardson, could still tie Atlanta for sixth place in the race for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot. But if that happened, the Hawks would get the post-season berth because they beat the Knicks in five of six games this season.

Sonics 117, Clippers 115: Gus Williams scored 41 points including five in the final 29 seconds of overtime, as Seattle handed San Diego its 15th straight loss.

The Clippers, with a 115-112 lead, appeared to be on the verge of snapping the losing streak, but Williams connected on a three-point basket to tie the game with 29 seconds left in the extra period. After San Diego inbounded the ball, Williams stripped it from Clippers guard John Douglas, and drove the length of the court for a layup with one second remaining.

The victory was the fourth in a row for Seattle, which trails Los Angeles by two games in the Pacific Division. Tom Chambers led San Diego with 33 points.

Bags 37th National crown

Caulkins splashes to glory

GAINESVILLE, Florida, April 9 (AP) — Tracy Caulkins became the nation's outstanding swimmer ever Thursday night, surpassing the legendary Johnny Weissmuller by winning her 37th National title.

Caulkins, 19-year-old, from the University of Florida, won the 400-yard individual medley at the United States Swimming Short-Course Winter Championships for her 37th major victory since 1977. Weissmuller, who went from swimming to fame as a movie star, captured 36 titles between 1921 and 1928.

Caulkins, swimming for her hometown Nashville Aquatic Club, won the 400-yard medley in 4 minutes, 11.75 seconds. That was well off her 1981 American record of 4:04.63, but faster than the 4:13.16 of Polly Winde of Ellicott City, MD., and the 4:16.89 of Patty Gavin of West Chester, PA.

Gavin had posted the best time of 4:14.34

during qualifications for the event. Winde qualified in 4:15.12 and Caulkins, who won her 36th National title with a victory in the 200-yard backstroke Wednesday night, in 4:15.17. Finals were set for both men and women in the 200-yard freestyle and 800-yard medley relays later Thursday night.

Ricardo Prado of Mission Viejo, California, led Thursday's qualifying for the men's 400-yard individual medley with a time of 3:53.77.

When Caulkins tied the National record Wednesday night, she said 1 wouldn't feel much pride to break it just because it was set by a man. But she did admit, "It says a lot for women in sports that I broke a man's record. Women's swimming is really improving and I hope this helps. 'I've always wanted to be one of the best swimmers in the world,' added Caulkins.

Meets Clerc in semifinals

Vilas advances with ease

MONTE CARLO, Monaco, April 9 (AP) — Argentina's Guillermo Vilas, the No. 2 seed, raced past unseeded Pablo Arraya of Peru Friday 6-1, 6-1 to advance to the semifinals of the \$300,000 Monte Carlo Grand Prix Tennis Tournament.

Vilas faces compatriot Jose-Luis Clerc, seeded third, who beat Manuel Orantes of Spain 6-0, 6-3. Saturday's other semifinal pits top seed Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia against France's Yannick Noah, the No. 6 seed who upset Bjorn Borg Thursday. The 29-year-old Vilas took 75 minutes to eliminate Arraya, a 20-year-old ranked 92nd.

"It was the first time I've played him," said Vilas, who is ranked fourth. "I played safely in the beginning. It's always difficult to play someone you've never played before because you don't know their style."

Vilas is trying for a second title at Monte Carlo. He won the tournament in 1976 and made it to the final last year against American Jimmy Connors. Vilas and Connors each had won two sets in that title match before it was canceled because of a thunderstorm. It was never rescheduled.

Meanwhile, in Hilton Head, South Carolina, rain drowned out half the third

Finn leads in Kenyan Rally

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Rauno Aaltonen, a Finn driving for Opel, exploited the rear axle problems of the Nissan team Friday and won the rain-lashed first leg of the Kenya Safari Rally.

Aaltonen's Opel Ascona 400 arrived back in Nairobi at 1:45 p.m. (1045 GMT), the first car to return from the first leg run to the Indian Ocean port city of Mombasa. He held first place in the table with the loss of only 97 penalty points for the trip.

Arriving only seconds behind him was Opel teammate Walter Rohrl of Germany, also in an Ascona 400, who was in third place on the table with 128 penalty points.

round of the Family Circle Cup Women's Tennis Tournament Thursday, forcing several seeded players into what promised to be exhausting double-headers Friday.

Top-seeded Chris Evert Lloyd was among the lucky ones, advancing easily to the quarterfinals over Paula Smith, 6-1, 6-0, before fifth-seeded Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia and fourth-seeded Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia. Jausovec was a 6-3, 6-4 winner over Pam Casale, and Mandlikova won a quick 6-2, 6-2 victory over 14th-seeded Betsy Nagelsen.

Unseeded Zina Garrison also put a 6-4, 6-0 end to the upset string of Korean Duk Hee Lee, who had toppled Virginia Wade in the opening round and surprised ninth-seeded Virginia Ruzici in the second. But third-seed Andrea Jaeger and 13th-seeded Kathy Rinaldi were forced to wait until Friday morning for their third-round match, expected to be a tough one.

Also postponed were matches between sixth-seeded Pam Shriver and Bonnie Gadusek, 10th-seeded Andrea Leand and Kathleen Horvath, and second-seeded Martina Navratilova against Ivanna Madruga of Argentina. Winners of the delayed matches will have to play twice Friday.

BRIEFS

PORTSMOUTH, (AFP) — Two more yachts Friday crossed the line here at the end of the 27,000 mile Round-World Yacht race. First home was *Skopbank* of Finland followed two hours later by the French yacht *Morbihan*, which on handicap has been placed seventh in the race.

MADRID, (AFP) — Spanish Automobile Federation (FEA) chiefs said that they were now optimistic about the chances of going ahead with the Spanish Formula One Grand Prix at the Jarama track north of here on June 27.

LONDON, (AFP) — Mark Thatcher's

chequered motor racing career has suffered another setback. The Prime Minister's son will not be taking part in two British Formula One championship meetings, as he has no sponsor yet.

WETZLAR, West Germany (AP) — Former Formula One racing driver Harald Ertl was killed Wednesday when a light plane in which he was traveling crashed outside the village of Niederweidbach, police said.

LAS PALMAS, (AP) — Spain and Holland scored victories Thursday in the second round of a pre-European Junior Volleyball Tournament.



Art Howe ... earns Astros victory.

Bailor helps Mets begin on right foot

NEW YORK, April 19 (AP) — Bob Bailor drove in three runs with two doubles and a single, helping the New York Mets open their season Thursday with a 7-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies and their ace left-hander, Steve Carlton.

The Minnesota Twins defeated Seattle 4-1 in the only other afternoon game Thursday as baseball's 1982 season continued to be troubled by unseasonal spring weather.

Five of the nine games on Thursday's schedule were postponed due to snow or bad weather. Ten of the major league's 26 teams still have not played a game by Thursday because of the cold weather that gripped much of the nation. And five were not scheduled to open until Saturday.

Friday's scheduled American League openers included Milwaukee at Toronto, Boston at Baltimore and Detroit at Kansas City. Baltimore and Kansas City, who played Monday, were the only teams among those six who have played.

The Chicago White Sox and New York Yankees game Friday was postponed, so

those teams will not see action until Saturday, at the earliest. Also scheduled for Saturday were Texas at Cleveland, an opener for both teams.

The National League had five games scheduled Friday, including Montreal's opener at Philadelphia. The Expos were snowed out at Pittsburgh. The rest of Friday's NL schedule had the New York Mets at Chicago Cubs, San Francisco at Cincinnati, Houston at Atlanta and San Diego at Los Angeles.

The Mets notched their eighth straight opening-day victory by beating Carlton in 40-degree temperature and winds gusting up to 28 mph at Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia. George Foster, acquired in February from Cincinnati, got New York an RBT double in the first inning and the Mets Kayced Carlton with nine hits.

Bailor scored ahead of Foster in the first after his pop to short left-center was dropped by center fielder Gary Maddox when he collided with left fielder Gary Matthews. Bailor was credited with a double. Foster scored when he appeared to be

picked off second by Carlton, but second baseman Manny Trillo's throw hit Foster in the back during a rundown.

The Mets originally were scheduled to open Tuesday in Philadelphia, but that game was postponed twice by inclement weather.

In Minneapolis, under protection of their new metro dome, the Twins earned a 2-1 opening-series edge over Seattle. Rookie Gary Gaetti smacked his third homer of the young season for Minnesota, drove in two runs and scored three times. Seattle's only run off winner Brad Havens came in the seventh when Jim Essian Homered.

In national League night action, Houston's Art Howe doubled to open the eighth inning and scored on a fielding error by St. Louis second baseman Tom Herr to break a scoreless duel and lead the Astros to a 1-0 victory.

Doug Decine led off the 16th inning with his second homer of the game to trigger the California Angels to an 8-6 victory over the Oakland A's in a game that lasted over five hours.

In Masters Golf

Nicklaus excels as rain delays play

AUGUSTA, Georgia, April 9 (AP) — Jack Nicklaus, the only man to win this title five times, charged into a three-stroke lead in the rain-delayed first round of the 46th Masters Tournament Friday with a three-under par 69.

The trim, tan 42-year-old Nicklaus was the only player in the clubhouse with a sub-par round. And with 18 players left on the course when he finished, it appeared no one would match it. "You've got to be fortunate to get off to the right beat," he said after completing his round.

Nicklaus, who hasn't won a tournament since 1980 when he took both the U.S. Open and PGA Championships, had warned before the start of play that Jack was back, a different Nicklaus than the one who missed the cut in his last two tournament appearances.

Nicklaus, one of 36 golfers to start play at 7:30 a.m. in order to finish the first round after hard rain halted play, was at even par when he hit his first ball on the 11th fairway. Forecasts called for gradual clearing with a slight possibility of rain later Friday and Saturday. The temperature was to drop to

about 30 degrees Friday night.

Not since 1973, when the third round was washed out, has rain interrupted the tradition-rich Masters. Rain gear replaced the bright colored outfit of both golfers and fans, and scores soared — sometimes reaching embarrassing levels. The combination of the rain and mid-40 temperatures turned the greens at Augusta National Golf Club into lakes, the fairways into soggy marshes.

Statistics will show that Fuzzy Zoeller, one of the last of 40 players to finish all 18 holes, was in the lead with an even-par 72 over the 6,905-yard course that played much longer. "Fuzzy's round was equivalent to a 58," said John Mahaffey, who finished just eight holes.

But Zoeller's lead was at best a precarious one. Among the 36 stranded players on the course were defending champion Tom Watson, Craig Stadler, Jack Nicklaus, Jerry Pate, South African Gary Player, Seve Ballesteros of Spain, Tom Kite and David Graham of Australia.

Stadler and Watson were 1 under par after nine holes, Nicklaus even after 10. Graham, Ballesteros and Kite were 1-over where they marked their halls, while Arnold Palmer,

who finished nine holes, was at 2-over. Pate was also at 2 over par after nine holes.

Of those who finished, Peter Oosterhuis of Britain, Morris Hatalsky, Gay Brewer, the 1967 Masters champion, and Greg Norman of Australia, were bunched at 1-over-par 73. Mark Hayes and Ben Crenshaw had 74s.

Topping the big group at 75 were Lanny Wadkins, a former PGA champ and a winner earlier this season, and Lee Trevino. "I'm surprised we played as long as we did," said Kite. "The bottom looked like it was going to drop out all day. All you can do is shoot the best you can on each hole. Only a fool would say he was going to go out and shoot 68 in that kind of weather."

"It was just miserable out there," said Oosterhuis, the current Canadian Open titleholder. "Everybody says I should be right at home in this kind of weather, but they don't seem to notice I now live in California. These conditions just seem to have less effect on me than some players."

"A perfectly miserable day," said Norman. "The cold just goes right through your body, gets in the joint of your fingers and makes putting very difficult."

Burkinshaw fears 'war' in return Cup clash

LONDON, April 9 (AFP) — Tottenham manager Keith Burkinshaw warned that the Cup Winners' Cup semifinal return in Barcelona could develop into a "war."

Burkinshaw, counting his wounded after their ugly 1-1 encounter with the Spaniards at White Hart Lane Wednesday night, said: "It was the hardest and most physical game I've experienced since becoming a manager. 'I fear that if we go in as hard as we do normally, and they react, then it could be war.'"

The Spurs players will be ordered to stay cool when they take on Barcelona in their 110,000 capacity stadium, but Burkinshaw will be looking to the East German official to give his side plenty of protection. "If Barcelona want to fight, let them fight. Let them do their bit of kicking. But we aim to keep our heads." He said though Spurs were big enough to look after themselves, the referee would be a "very important person" in the second leg.

Wednesday night's Dutch official Egbert Mulder took little action against the Spaniards, apart from ordering off Juan Estrella for a 57th minute foul on Tony Galvin. Burkinshaw said: "Barcelona let their

hearts rule their heads. The referee should have been harder in the first 20 minutes. I don't want to say too much about the kicking, but I think it will be worse out there."

Meanwhile, it was not so long ago that the busy festive holiday football program played a significant part in the League Championships. But, with more than a month to the end of the season and most teams having quite a few games to play, the holiday period is unlikely to settle anything very much this year.

Significant moves in the First Division Championship could, however, be made by Liverpool and Ipswich, currently occupying first and second place and very much in contention for top honors. Ipswich were handicapped last season by an extremely busy end of season program which possibly prevented them taking the title. With only the league to concentrate on this time they would pose a big threat to Liverpool.

On Saturday, Ipswich are at Tottenham, whose turn it is for a fixture pipe-up caused by their own Cup successes, with at least 16 more games to play before the end of the season. Ipswich, aiming to become the

seventh side to win a league match at White Hart Lane this season, hope to underline their own challenge and put a dent in Tottenham's bid for the championships.

Next Tuesday Ipswich are at home to West Ham while Tottenham, now points adrift of the leaders but with several games in hand, face local rivals Arsenal at Highbury on Monday and entertain bottom-of-the-table Sunderland next Wednesday.

Liverpool begin their holiday double on Saturday with a second trip to Manchester in four days, this time to take on City. They play Stoke at Anfield on Tuesday.

Third-placed Southampton are at home to champions Aston Villa on Saturday while fourth-placed Swansea visit West Ham, but these two clash in one of the most important games of the holiday next Tuesday.

The relegation battle sees Sunderland at Stoke on Saturday with Middlesbrough, second last, playing Notts County before facing Leeds in another vital match next Tuesday. Wolves, with only two points to show from their last four games and now third from bottom, travel to Forest on Saturday and have a tough home match on Monday against Manchester City.

Saturday's Division Two clash of the day should be between Newcastle and F.A. Cup semifinalists Leicester at St. James Park. Top-of-the-table Luton Travel to Cambridge and Sheffield Wednesday to Shrewsbury.

Howard Kendall has transfer-listed ten Everton players and three are big money signings that he brought to the club last summer, the trio are Alan Biley, currently on loan with Stoke, Mike Ferguson and Mike Walsh.

Biley has never come up to expectations, but Kendall says Walsh and Ferguson are unlucky. "Walsh came to the club as a squad player and having tested first team action he wants more," said Kendall. "The emergence of Grame Sharp has meant that Ferguson's chances have been limited."

Also on the list are Peter Eastoe, Trevor Ross, John Bailey, Joe McBride and goalkeeper Martin Hodge, who is on loan with Third Division Preston at present. All five have been first team regulars at one time or another and Ross plays against Manchester City Saturday.

Reserve team striker Dean Kelly is given a free transfer. "Kelly apart, these players have contracts that expire at the end of the season," said Kendall. "By putting them on the list now we can assess how much interest there'll be in them."

Argentine club seeks Ardiles

BUENOS AIRES, April 9 (AFP) — Argentine club Talleres of Cordoba are interested in signing Tottenham Hotspur's Osvaldo Ardiles, it was revealed Friday.

Ardiles, here to train with the national squad in preparation for the World Cup finals in Spain, comes to the end of his contract with Spurs this season. Ardiles said a few days ago that it was unlikely he would ever play in England again although he still has a house and possessions there. Talleres president, Amadeo Nuccetelli, said that the club had the financial resources to buy the talented midfielder.

Meanwhile West German international and VfB Stuttgart star Hansi Mueller is to play for Italy's Inter-Milan next season, it was reported in Paris. Mueller, 25, signed a contract with his new club during a recent West German tour of South America where he met two Inter representatives. Considered the most "Latin" of the West German players, Mueller has won a total of 34 caps for his country.



Jahanir Khan ... another feather in his cap

Jahanir quells Jahan for maiden British Open title

LONDON, April 9 (R) — Jahanir Khan of Pakistan added the British Open title to his World squash crown by overcoming his surprisingly stubborn compatriot Hiddy Jahan 9-2, 10-9, 9-3 in a 77-minute final here Thursday.

The outcome was hardly unexpected. Jahanir, 18, had not tasted defeat at any level since he lost narrowly to Australian Geoff Hunt in last year's final, while 32-year-old Jahan had never progressed beyond the last four in 11 previous attempts.

In fact, Hunt's injury-enforced withdrawal on the eve of the 25,000 sterling (\$44,000) event left Jahanir as the hottest favorite since his uncle Hashan Khan romped to a seventh title in the 1950s. Jahanir swept through the opening game and was comfortably ahead at 4-1 in the second when the hard-hitting Jahan staged a brave fightback. The world No. 5 put together a string of superb winners and saved three game balls before squaring at 8-8. Jahan stunned Jahanir again by snatching the first of the two extra points, but the world No. 1 showed his class by calmly overcoming the crisis.

He has already set two notable marks by becoming the youngest winner and the first son of former champion to take the crown. His father Roshan won in 1957.

Australian Vicki Cardwell, 26, captured the women's title for a third successive year with a 9-4, 5-9, 9-4, 9-4 triumph over British hope Lisa Opie. The Melbourne-based world No. 2 capitalized on her 18-year-old rival's nerves in the opening game, but soon found herself trailing 1-6 in the second as her previously immaculate length of shot suddenly disappeared. She recovered to 5-7 before Opie leveled the match.

Oilers slip past Kings in thriller

NEW YORK, April 9 (AP) — Oilers' prolific scorer Wayne Gretzky was on the mark. His 50-foot rising slap-shot 6:20 into the overtime resolved the 2-2 regulation period deadlock with the Los Angeles Kings.

Oilers' close 3-2 victory tied the first-round national Hockey League play off series 1-1 Thursday. The Kings had begun on a triumphant note Wednesday with a 10-8 verdict with Charlie Simmer, Marcel Dionne and Dave Taylor excelling in the opener.

Rookie Barry Pederson scored three goals, all in the second period, and veteran Rick Middleton connected for a pair as the Boston Bruins stormed to their second consecutive victory over the Buffalo Sabres 7-3 for a commanding 2-0 lead in the playoff. The opening clash Wednesday was close, with the Bruins clinching a 3-2 victory on fine goal-tending by Mike Moffat and goals by Peter McNab, Brad Park and Mike O'Connell.

Dave Williams scored on a rebound at 14:20 of a sudden-death overtime to give the Vancouver Canucks a 2-1 victory over the Calgary Flames and a 2-0 lead in their best-of-five NHL playoff series. The Canucks had gained a 5-3 verdict over the Flames Wednesday.

Quebec Nordiques came on level terms with the Montreal Canadiens in their best-of-five Stanley Cup first-round series at 1-1 with a 3-2 victory Thursday. Pierre Aubry it was the Canadians who were on the attack. They scored a 5-1 victory with Mario Tremblay and Mark Napier scoring two goals each.

The Winnipeg Jets, who lost 4-3 to St. Louis Blues in the opener, restored parity in the playoff series with a 5-2 win over the Blues. New York's Goring and Brent Sutter scored 41 seconds apart to cap a four-goal Islanders first period as the two-time NHL champions routed the Pittsburgh Penguins 7-2 Thursday.



EYES ON THE BALL: Peruvian striker Uriebe (right) and Florentino's Cuccoreddin make a dash for the ball during a World Cup warmup match in Florence, Italy, Wednesday night. Peru won the match 1-0.

Thai adjudged best boxer

BANGKOK, Thailand, April 9 (AP) — Four out of five Soviet finalists won gold medals and powered their team to the team championship at the eighth King's Cup Amateur Boxing Championships which concluded here Thursday.

The Soviets amassed 31 points, leading last year's champions Kenya with 22 points, to win the series for the second time. The trophy for the best boxer of the meet was awarded to Thailand's bantamweight winner, Wanchai Pongrui of the O-Sot-Spha team, for his excellent victory over South Korea's Moon Sung Kil in the final.

The Korean, dubbed the 'giant-killer' was outboxed by the Wily Thai who took all three rounds comfortably to win the nod of the five judges. The light-flyweight contestants — winner Ibrahim Hilali of Kenya and loser Kim Kwang Sun, of South Korea — were adjudged the most exciting boxers at the meet. They fought a thrill-packed contest which was filled with action all the way.

Venezuelan boxer Argenis Farias was

awarded a trophy as the most sporting fighter of the nine-day meet. Thailand's O-Sot-Spha team was third with 18 points, the Royal Thai Airforce fourth with 17 point, and South Korea fifth with 16 points.

Meanwhile, Dwight Braxton will make the second defense of his World Boxing Council light heavyweight title May 22 against Lotte Mwale at Harrah's Hotel Marina Casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey, promoter Murad Muhammad said Thursday in New York.

Braxton, from Philadelphia, won the WBC's 175-pound title last Dec. 19 by stopping Matthew Saad Muhammad in 10 rounds.

Braxton's record is 17-1-1, with 10 knock-outs. Mwale, from Zambia, the Commonwealth and all-African champion, is 26-1. Braxton defended the title for the first time last month by stopping Jerry "The Bull" Martin in the sixth round at Las Vegas, Nev.

This will be Mwale's second shot at the title. He was knocked out in the fourth round by Muhammad Nov. 28, 1980, in San Diego.

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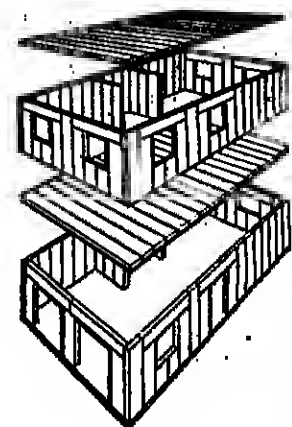
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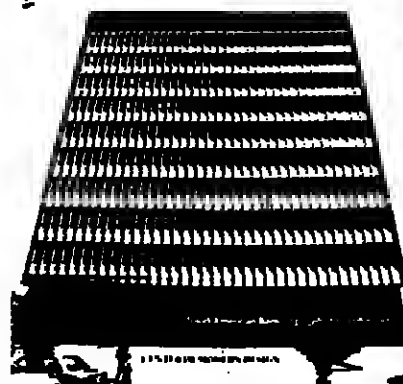
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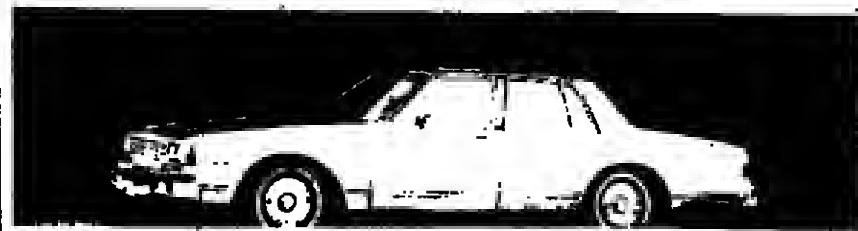
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4,800 still isolated

Mexicans save 200 from volcano slope

VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico April 9 (AP) — Army paratroopers, heartened by finding 200 survivors on a slope of the Chinchonal volcano, continued their search Friday for 4,800 more peasants isolated for 11 days by the blanket cloud of ash that poured from the erupting mountain.

Hopes for their survival improved Thursday when the Defense Ministry reported that 14 paratroopers had reached the village of San Francisco Leon and found 200 persons alive. The soldiers jumped from a helicopter, struggled for seven hours over trails clogged by three feet of volcanic ash to reach the village, and led the villagers out on foot.

Army sources said the rescued were suffering from burns, dehydration breathing problems and malnutrition. There was no word of whether there were any deaths in the village.

Since the 4,340-foot peak in the Sierra Madre range of southeast Mexico began erupting March 29, there have been 21 deaths and more than 500 injured reported, and 60,000 persons have been evacuated.

But six villages on the slopes of the mountain could not be reached because of the dense cloud of ash and other debris pouring from the crater.

El Chinchonal spewed up more thick smoke, ash and white-hot sand Thursday after being quiet for 24 hours. But army officials said 150 paratroopers trained in mountain rescue and equipped with six helicopters kept looking for survivors.

Geologists predict at least one more major eruption in the next three weeks. The government has declared the volcano area in Tabasco and Chiapas states a disaster zone, but no estimate of the damage has been released.

Ariel Gonzalez, a Chiapas state tourism official, said 300,000 tourists canceled Easter week hotel reservations in the area. More than 800 commercial flights have been cancelled throughout southeast Mexico in the past 11 days because of the volcanic dust lingering in the air within 250 miles of the squat peak. Some ash has been found in neighboring Guatemala.

In clandestine bulletin

Poles urged to resist

WARSAW, April 9 (R) — Poland's most prominent dissident Jacek Kuron has appealed to the Polish people to establish a widespread resistance movement and said the continuation of martial law could lead to a catastrophe.

In a clandestine bulletin of the suspended Solidarity trade union, Kuron was quoted as saying "maintaining the occupation (martial law) is pure suicide." Kuron is one of more than 4,000 dissident and Solidarity activists now being held in internment camps. He was picked up shortly after martial law was declared last Dec. 13. There was no way of establishing the authenticity of the bulletin.

Libya said aiding Ugandan groups

NAIROBI, April 9 (AFP) — Three Ugandan opposition movements now united under the umbrella of Uganda Popular Front are receiving aid from Libya, according to a fourth clandestine organization opposed to President Milton Obote's government.

In a statement sent to Agence France-Presse, the Uganda National Liberation Front — anti-dictatorship (UNLF-AD) — identified the three movements getting help from Tripoli as the National Resistance Movement led by Yoweri Museveni and ex-President Yusuf Lule, the Uganda Freedom Movement of former Obote minister B. Kiirya, and the Uganda National Rescue Front led by Moses Ali, a former minister under ousted Idi Amin.

The UNLF-AD said representatives of the three movements went to Libya in the middle of last year seeking arms and money. "Libya refused to support them unless they were united," the statement said. The three announced that they were merging into the UPF during a press conference in London in December.

The UNLF-AD said that under a Tripoli agreement Uganda was to be divided into three military zones because of the strength of each movement in a given region. Thus the NRM took the west of the country; the UFM kept the Kampala region and Eastern Uganda, and the UNRF took the north.

The anti-dictatorship group denounced the Tripoli accord as creating "the danger of superpower rivalry in Uganda," adding that "certain powers are stepping up and diversifying their support of the Obote dictatorship as a reaction to the Libyan intervention in Uganda."

The statement said the Kampala regime was continuing to "commit genocide throughout the country." The authorities were fanning the fires of tribal rivalry, particularly in Karamoja and Teso provinces, in the northwest, flaring tribal fights on cattle rustling, it added.

The movement, which is led by Marxist intellectuals and seems to less strongly represented on the ground than the other movements, called for a "roundtable conference with all the democratic organizations ... before it is too late." Obote and his ruling Uganda Peoples' Congress could also take part in such a conference, the UNLF-AD said.

which was made available to Reuters here Friday. Kuron called on the government to offer a major compromise and said nationwide rioting could erupt if it failed to do so. He said time for the government was running out. He said the Polish people should demonstrate their power in various ways, including distribution of leaflets, daubing buildings, token stoppages and, in the last resort, a general strike.

In the vaguely worded statement, Kuron called on the people to strike out simultaneously at all the centers of authority and information throughout the country. "The people of the government must know that only a limited time remains for them to come up with a compromise," he said.

He said no appeals by the authorities would "restrain the young and impulsive from struggle ... no appeals can reduce the despair and hatred — a volatile mix which any spark could ignite," Kuron, who was a moderating force in Solidarity and a veteran campaigner for controlled democratic reform, said it was less of an evil to work for the overthrow of the authorities than to accept the present situation.

U.S. doctor held

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania, April 9 (AFP) — Police here have arrested a prominent doctor in connection with the theft of art works worth \$one million, it has been announced. Dr. Frank Waxman, a specialist in bone diseases, allegedly had nearly 140 works — including statues by Auguste Rodin and Pablo Picasso and a painting by American artist Alexander Calder — in an apartment that had been remodeled into a personal art gallery, according to police.

A large number of galleries, many of them in New York and some in Los Angeles, owned the art works. Police said Dr. Waxman was a specialist in the theft of small art objects, which, they said, he would hide under his coat after distracting gallery employees.

Forty-five of the 140 works allegedly found at Dr. Waxman's apartment had been reported stolen. Police were trying to identify the others. Dr. Waxman was released in lieu of \$50,000 bail. Police did not explain how their investigation had led them to Dr. Waxman.

Athens polluted

ATHENS, April 9 (R) — Emergency anti-pollution measures were in force again in Athens Friday to combat a poisonous cloud that has become an almost permanent feature in the once-blue Attica sky.

With pollution above danger levels, the government applied the first stage of its emergency plan. Factories in and around Athens reduced production by 30 percent and a partial ban was imposed on cars with even number plates. Central heating was also restricted.

Hospitals and doctors reported that people with lung and heart trouble were being affected by the poison. The emergency measures coincided with a report from the National Statistical Service showing that one-third of the country's total population now live in the Athens area.



(Whisper) DUTCH COLLECTION: Police rummaging through a strange collection of some 250,000 preserved birds and insects in the home of Dutch taxidermist 72-year-old John Roeleveld at Brummen Thursday. He started sampling when he was five years old.

Dutchman stuffs 250,000 pets

BRUMMEN, Netherlands, April 9 (AFP) — A man whose ark consisted of huts and caves crammed with more than a quarter of a million illegally stuffed birds and insects, has been arrested.

Some 40 policemen and firemen Thursday removed the strange collection, built up over decades by 72-year-old John Roeleveld, a taxidermist.

Police said the collection, which included birds' eggs, was a threat to public health, and that 90 percent of its comprised species which are classified as protected by law. Police added they would have to catalogue the collection before deciding whether to press charges, but the local mayor said that a museum might be established for the most interesting items.

Pneumonia vaccine substance found

RALEIGH, North Carolina, April 9 (AP) — Researchers have isolated a substance that could lead to vaccine to prevent a type of pneumonia and a common flu-like illness, it was reported Thursday.

The scientists said they have found a protein crucial to the multiplication of bacteria called mycoplasma pneumoniae. If the protein's effects could be blocked, the bacteria would be unable to grow and cause disease, they said.

They said it is possible that a vaccine could be developed to immunize people against the effects of this protein, thus preventing the diseases associated with the bacteria.

The research was conducted over 20 years by three pediatricians at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: Ping-Chuan Hu, Wallace Clyde and Allen Collier. It appears in the current issue of *Science* magazine.

Clyde said the protein allows the mycoplasma bacteria to stick to the mucous membranes of the lungs and the nose. Without the protein, he said, the bacteria cannot "set up shop and multiply."

A number of other diseases are caused by organisms that produce a similar protein "glue," Clyde said. Understanding of those diseases — which include gonorrhea, whooping cough, meningitis and diphtheria — may increase because of this research, he said.

Dr. Peter Patriarcha, an epidemiologist at the National Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, agreed that, in theory, the North Carolina discovery could lead to a vaccine, with few side effects. Such a vaccine if it were developed, would require several years of testing before it could be made available, he said.

Dr. Ping-Chuan Hu cautioned that vaccine development can be tricky. "The human body may react to a pure protein vaccine in ways we don't expect," he said. "But such basic scientific knowledge makes development (of a vaccine) possible."

Abu Ghazala made field marshal

CAIRO, April 9 (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak on Friday promoted Defense Minister Gen. Abdel-Halim Abu Ghazala to field marshal, the government news agency said.

Abu Ghazala became defense minister on March 4, 1981, replacing the former minister who died in a helicopter crash. Until then he was chief of staff — a post he held since May 1980. Abu Ghazala graduated from the

Egyptian Military Academy in 1949 as an artillery officer. He studied military techniques in the Soviet Union between 1957-61.

He was appointed military attaché to the Egyptian Embassy in Washington after the June 1967 Mideast war. He returned to Egypt to lead the second army's artillery division in the 1973 war with Israel and was named commander in chief of the army's artillery troops.

Turks seek return of 76 fugitives

ANKARA, April 9 (AP) — Turkey has asked for the extradition of 76 suspects wanted by the Turkish police from various foreign countries, Justice Minister Cevdet Montes disclosed Friday.

In a statement to the Anatolia news agency, Montes said the government has sent documents through diplomatic channels to countries where the fugitives are believed to be residing. He did not give a list of the countries or the suspects involved.

Most prominent among them is Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish terrorist convicted of trying to murder Pope John Paul II last May. Agca is serving a life term. Turkey is seeking his extradition because a Turkish military court has sentenced him to death in absentia for the murder of a Turkish newspaper editor in 1979.

Turkey also has asked for the return of Omer Ay, suspected to be Agca's accomplice and captured in West Germany last month. But West Germany refuses to extradite suspects sought by the Turkish authorities unless Turkey gives guarantees that they will not be executed once returned home.

Some 14,000 suspects on the wanted list are still at large. Officials maintain some of them escaped abroad, especially to Western European countries.

Well-informed sources said Friday that about 60,000 persons have been arrested in Turkey since the military coup of Sept. 12, 1980. The martial law coordination office in Ankara had said earlier that 46,721 persons were on trial before the military courts which deal with cases of alleged anarchy and terrorism.

The office said nearly 44,000 of them were defendants in what are locally known as "clandestine organization" trials. Over 2,000 are being tried for their union activities, and 660 for their roles in political parties. The underground groups are mostly either Kurdish separatists or leftists. The rightists, on the other hand are almost all defendants in the extreme right-wing Nationalist Action Party trial.

Most of the Kurdish separatists — 1,230 of them — are being tried in the south eastern city of Diyarbakir. All are accused of "attempting to overthrow the existing constitutional order to establish an independent Marxist-Leninist Kurdish state on Turkish territory," and 184 face the death sentence.

Some 4,000 people — out of whom 427 face capital punishment — are charged with belonging to the "Revolutionary Path" (Dev-Yol) group, Turkey's largest leftist underground organization, in 11 separate trials across Turkey.

The trial of "revolutionary left," or Dev-Sol, began in mid-March in Istanbul with banners in the streets proclaiming "death to fascists" — a long-forgotten scene in Turkey's biggest city. When the trial opened, the 428 defendants — 120 of whom face the death sentence — claimed their friends had died under torture and fought guards who tried to prevent them from speaking.

Pacifists march across Germany

BONN, April 9 (AFP) — Several thousand pacifists Friday started separate peace marches across West Germany that will end Monday with several rallies, some of which will include members of the ruling Social Democratic Party (SDP).

The marchers are protesting the planned deployment of U.S.-made NATO nuclear missiles in West Germany, which is supported by Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. Large crowds are expected at the Monday rallies in Frankfurt and in Ruhr-Gebeit farther north.

The participation of SDP politicians has fanned the political controversy over the pacifist issue, particularly following accusations that the country's pro-Soviet Communist Party has "infiltrated" this weekend's marches.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khasan

Further to our contribution to the man-woman dispute, a contribution which a woman reader told me recently was "far from helpful." Well, we have to try harder to please all sides, to offer the report of the American forces on the general unsuitability of women for army life and army work. We have to quickly tilt the other way.

But before we do so, a word of warning. Women calling for equality with men received a shock recently when a British court for the first time ordered a woman to pay her divorced husband a settlement of £50,000. The man had claimed that as his wife was breadwinner and as she had accustomed him to a certain style of life, it was up to her to maintain it for him. Equality, in this case, has clearly turned around and bit its champions.

Now to try to balance the previous story: Women might be demonstrably weaker to some respect, but they are by no means frail. They have natural resistance to many diseases, such as heart trouble, diabetes, stomach ulcer. They kill themselves in far fewer numbers than men. They get murdered in fewer numbers. Even such a rare malady as the "Legionnaires Disease" decided it's men it wants and not women, so that there were three men casualties to one woman.

Also, as women are generally shorter than men, and as their pelvis is broader and shoulders narrower, their center of gravity is much nearer to the ground, so that they are generally more stable on their feet, which must be a considerable advantage if and when push comes to shove.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awaj

Probe clears chief of CIA

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AFP) — U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) chief William Casey has been cleared of charges of illegally failing to register as an agent for Indonesia in 1976, while still a practicing lawyer. Justice Minister William French Smith, after a three-month investigation — the second into Casey's background since he took office — ruled Thursday that the CIA director had not violated the so-called "Foreign Agents Act."

This requires that "any person who represents the interests of a foreign government before U.S. agencies, seeking changes in official policies, must publicly register at the Justice Department."

Smith said that although Casey had represented Indonesia, he had never concealed his activity and there was no reason to believe that he had sought to obtain advantageous changes for Indonesia.

Reagan chosen 'least admired'

NEW YORK, April 9 (AFP) — President Ronald Reagan has been chosen as the least admired, second most boring and third dumbest male public figure in the United States, according to a poll conducted by *US Magazine*.

But paradoxically, Reagan was also picked as the second most popular figure among those listed by the latest issue of the magazine, which specializes in gossip on politicians, actors, sports figures and other well-known personalities. Reagan and his wife, Nancy, matched up well in the poll, as Mrs. Reagan took the positions the least admired female.

Alan Alda, the star of the U.S. television show *M.A.S.H.* and an advocate of women's rights, was named both the most popular and most intelligent male figure. Jane Fonda, the activist actress, won the same titles among women. She was followed in the popularity poll by Katharine Hepburn, who last week won a record fourth best actress Oscar, and by the Princess of Wales.

Among the poll's other findings was that Princess Diana and television talk-show host Johnny Carson were the best-dressed personalities.

GLOBAL WEATHER

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Amsterdam	2	36	7	45	cloudy	Mexico City	28	82	14	57	clear
Athens	10	50	22	72	clear	Miami	23	74	26	79	cloudy
Bahrain	9	48	21	70	clear	Montreal	-9	16	1	34	cloudy
Bangkok	23	73	30	86	clear	Moscow	4	39	11	52	clear
Beirut	12	54	21	70	cloudy	New Delhi	16	61	31	87	clear
Berlin	4	39	6	43	cloudy	New York	-4	25	6	43	clear
Brussels	1	34	6	43	cloudy	Nicosia	9	70	29	84	hazy
Buenos Aires	18	65	27	80	clear	Oso	-3	27	0	32	snow
Cairo	18	64	28	82	cloudy	Paris	4	39	13	55	cloudy
Chicago	-4	25	2	35	cloudy	Rio de Janeiro	15	59	29	84	clear
Copenhagen	-1	30	6	43	snow	Rome	11	52	19	66	clear
Dublin	2	35	10	50	clear	San Francisco	7	45	15	60	cloudy
Frankfurt	0	32	14	57	rain	Seoul	6	43	13	55	cloudy
Geneva	7	45	18	64	cloudy	Singapore	23	73	30	86	rain
Helsinki	0	32	2	35	snow	Stockholm	0	32	5	41	rain
Hong Kong	19	66	21	70	cloudy	Sydney	14	57	21	69	cloudy
Jakarta	24	75	32	90	cloudy	Taipei	14	57	18	64	clear
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	32	90	rain	Tokyo	13	55	19	66	rain
London	3	37	9	48	clear	Toronto	-4	25	5	41	sunny
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